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As Sandy Hook survivors join rally in the nation’s capital to advocate for stronger gun control measures, a threat on the Mall revives the trauma



People participate in the second March for Our Lives rally Saturday in support of gun control in front of the Washington Monument. **GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/AP**

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES WASHINGTON, D.C.

They’re still finding strength together

By Taylor Hartz | Hartford Courant

When the gunfire finally stopped and the kids in Camille Paradis’ third grade classroom peeked out from behind the black poster board they’d used to cover the windows, the students who survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting made their way carefully out of the school.

Eight-year-old Paradis gripped her hands on the shoulders of her friend Rayna Toth as they walked in a single file line, their eyes closed tight to shield them from the carnage left behind by the gunman who’d torn through their school: 20 of their classmates and six of their educators dead.

Almost a decade later, in the wake of another mass shooting at a Texas elementary school that echoed the horror of the massacre they survived, Paradis stood

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Camille Paradis, left, and Rayna Toth survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012. On Saturday, they joined thousands in Washington, D.C., for the March For Our Lives. **TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**

CIAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Southington battled to honor Lembo

Weeks after ex-coach’s death, team pushes to end at finals

By Dom Amore | Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN — Charlie Lembo couldn’t spend enough time at Fontana Field, the baseball diamond at Southington High. He’d often drive there, when nothing was going on, no one around, park with the top down on his convertible and contemplate, the way another might take in the beauty of the sea or a sunset.

“Even after he got sick, he did that,” his wife Deborah said Saturday, surrounded by family as she watched his team team play

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Southington assistant coach Brian Crowley gestures to a drawn turtle in the sand by the dugout with the initials CL to honor the memory of coach Charlie Lembo on Saturday in the CIAC Class LL baseball state championship game. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIALTO THE COURANT**

Hartford to settle old West End fight

City to pay developer \$1.8M for site where he wanted a McDonald’s

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

Hartford is on the verge of settling a pricey, decadelong legal fight that pitted a private developer’s plan for a fast food restaurant against the city’s and West End neighborhood’s ambition to create a walkable, Farmington Avenue streetscape.

After years of litigating a half-dozen state and federal suits, Hartford has agreed tentatively to pay developer Eliot B. Gersten \$1.8 million for the empty, one-third acre lot at Farmington and Girard Avenues where Gersten and partner Phil Philip Schonberger wanted to build a McDonald’s restaurant with a drive-thru window. Schonberger died in 2015 before the half-way point in the fast food fight.

Gersten will drop his plan for a McDonald’s, withdraw his suits, hand the land to the city and take the money as compensation for lost income and legal fees. The city is expected to lay out a package of government financial incentives in an effort to find a developer willing to put up a mixed-use retail and apartment building on the site.

“This settlement resolves a dispute that has been going on for nearly a decade and ensures that this parcel on Farmington Avenue can be developed in a way that the community supports rather than a use that the commu-

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Variety of factors cause pain at pump

Why gas hit \$5 per gallon, with no sign of relief

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — There is little evidence that gasoline prices, which hit a nationwide average of \$5 a gallon on Saturday for the first time ever, will head into reverse anytime soon.

Rising prices at the pump are a key driver in the highest inflation that Americans have seen in 40 years and everyone seems to have a favorite villain for the high cost of filling up.

Some blame President Joe Biden. Others say it’s because Russian President Vladimir Putin recklessly invaded Ukraine. It’s not hard to find people, including Democrats in Congress, who accuse the oil companies of price gouging.

As with many things in life, the answer is complicated.

What is happening?

Gasoline prices have been surging since April 2020, when the initial shock of the pandemic drove prices under \$1.80 a gallon, according to government

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State high school championships

The St. Paul-Bristol baseball team beats Somers and the Cromwell softball team tops North Branford to take home state titles on championship Saturday. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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Let’s go somewhere nice.





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for a state championship. “He would drive over when he was well enough to. Even when we would go out somewhere, we would swing by the field, check it.”

Always looking for divots to fill, lips to smooth out. Lembo wanted the best for his players.

“He spent more time on our baseball field than our groundskeepers did,” Southington AD Steve Risser said. “He was out there sweating every detail about the field. He cared about it like it was his own back yard.”

One could imagine, two weeks after Lembo, 61, died of cancer on May 28, he would have been out at Palmer Field early for the Class LL final, looking over the field wanting the best for the high school players who pursued the championship in his memory.

“He would be really proud,” Deborah Lembo said. “They had a great season. I think they feel like he’s here with them. They’ve played their hearts out.”

Lembo, Southington’s coach from 2011 to 2021, led the Blue Knights to the state final four times, most recently in 2019. He had to stop coaching in the middle of last season. Winning this championship for him was the team’s goal, but it wasn’t to be. The Knights made three errors, and Warde High of Fairfield was a bit better, their starting pitcher, Zack Broderick, holding Southington bats in check until the final inning of a 7-5 loss.

But Lembo was certainly on everyone’s mind when Southington pitcher Vincent Borghese took a line drive off his leg, but after a little attention from the athletic trainer, stayed in to finish the fourth inning.

“He would have come out and told me to keep doing what I’m doing,” Borghese said. “Such a great guy, always looked after you no matter what. Always believed in you.”

And the coach’s presence was certainly felt when the Knights, trailing 7-1, staged a furious seventh-inning rally and brought the tying run to the plate before coming up two runs short.

“It [stinks] that we couldn’t finish it for him,” Borghese said. “But we got here with him. We knew we were going to do it.”

The Southington community will celebrate Lembo’s life at Fontana Field on Sunday at 5



Southington baseball coach Charlie Lembo, pictured in April 2019, died May 28 of cancer. COURANT FILE PHOTO

p.m., and the family is asking that donations be made to the Coach Charlie Lembo Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 55, Plainville, CT, 06062. The fund will help young baseball players get to college, which was always Lembo’s purpose.

Baseball and coaching were in Charlie Lembo’s blood. He played for his father, Jerry Lembo, a legendary coach at East Haven High, and both are now in the school’s Hall of Fame. Charlie played at Providence and launched his coaching career when he and Lou Zullo re-started the American Legion Post 89 program in East Haven in the mid-1980s.

“He had a gift,” Zullo said. “Charlie just connected with kids of different ages. Even though he was old, old school, he adapted with the times. He just knew how to connect to people.”

Lembo later coached at Quinnipiac before coming to Southington to take over a program with a long tradition of winning and, like the ballfield, he made sure it was maintained. He also coached his players to become involved in the community, particularly Bread for Life.

“As successful as he was as a baseball coach, he was so much more than baseball,” Risser said. “He was a man who cared deeply about his country, his community. He taught his kids, every year they did Bread for Life fundraisers. He expected them to do more for people who didn’t have what they had.”

Lembo came to a practice before the season began, a time when not many considered Southington a state title contender. He died as Southington was about to play Hall of West Hartford in a second-round tournament game, and players spelled out RIP Coach Lembo

with plastic cups. As a good luck charm, Southington players draw a turtle in the sand in front of their dugout; on Saturday, it included the initials C.L. It helped them break a midseason hitting slump.

“We wanted to win it for him so bad,” outfielder Jackson Rusiecki said. “For his family, they came to every game and supported us. It was great to see them here. [Sunday] we hope to celebrate with them, the life of Coach Lembo. ... We were thinking about Coach Lembo the entire time. We all played with that in the back of our mind, and that helped us get where we are now.”

Southington’s players have been through an experience that can make a teenager grow up fast, losing such an important figure in their lives at such a young age. They were seeded 20th in Class LL, but knocked off McMahon-Norwalk, Hall-West Hartford, Newton and Danbury.

“They all rallied around Coach Lembo and his legacy,” said Stan Switala, Southington’s coach. “We’re not only playing for our program and our town, but we’re playing for him. They did a great job, being 16- and 17-year-old kids. It’s a lot.”

The end result wasn’t there, but Southington players left the field with no regrets, with memories and lessons from their coach. Sunday’s ceremony at Lembo’s beloved ball-field can bring some closure.

“He got to do what he loved with his life,” Deborah Lembo said. “His life was too short, but I’d like to think it was well lived, doing the things he loved. And he loved baseball, and loved all the kids.”

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Fuel

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figures. They hit \$3 in May 2021 and cruised past \$4 this March.

On Saturday, the nationwide average for a gallon ticked just above \$5, a record, according to AAA, which has tracked prices for years. The average price jumped 18 cents in the previous week, and was \$1.92 higher than this time last year.

State averages ranged from \$6.43 a gallon in California to \$4.52 in Mississippi.

Why is this happening?

Several factors are coming together to push gasoline prices higher.

Global oil prices have been rising — unevenly, but sharply overall — since December. The price of international crude has roughly doubled in that time, with the U.S. benchmark rising nearly as much, closing Friday at more than \$120 a barrel.

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the resulting sanctions by the United States and its allies have contributed to the rise. Russia is a leading oil producer.

The United States is the world’s largest oil producer, but U.S. capacity to turn oil into gasoline is down 900,000 barrels of oil per day since the end of 2019, according to the Energy Department.

Tighter oil and gasoline supplies are hitting as energy consumption rises because of the economic recovery.

Finally, Americans typically drive more starting around Memorial Day, adding to the demand for gas.

What can be done to get more oil?

Analysts say there are no quick fixes; it’s a matter of supply and demand, and supply can’t be ramped up overnight.

If anything, the global oil supply will grow tighter as sanctions against Russia take hold. European Union leaders have vowed to ban most Russian oil by the end of this year.

The U.S. has already imposed a ban even as Biden acknowledged it would affect American consumers. He said the ban was necessary so the U.S. does not subsidize Russia’s war in Ukraine. “Defending freedom is going to cost,” he said.

The U.S. could ask Saudi Arabia, Venezuela or Iran to help

make up for the expected drop in Russian oil production, but each of these options carries moral and political considerations.

Republicans have called on Biden to help increase domestic oil production — for example, by allowing drilling on more federal lands and offshore, or reversing his decision to revoke a permit for a pipeline that could carry Canadian oil to Gulf Coast refineries.

However, many Democrats and environmentalists would howl if Biden took those steps, which they say would undercut efforts to limit climate change. Even so, it would be months or years before those measures could lead to more gasoline at U.S. service stations.

At the end of March, Biden announced another tapping of the nation’s Strategic Petroleum Reserve to bring down gas prices. The average price per gallon has jumped 77 cents since then, which analysts say is partly because of a refining squeeze.

Why is U.S. refining down?

Some petroleum refineries shut down during the first year of the pandemic, when demand collapsed. While a few are expected to boost capacity in the next year or so, others are reluctant to invest in new facilities because the transition to electric vehicles will reduce demand for gasoline over the long run.

When will it end?

It could be up to motorists — by driving less, they would reduce demand and prices would follow suit.

“There has got to be some point where people start cutting back, I just don’t know what the magic point is,” said Patrick De Haan, an analyst for the gas-shopping app GasBuddy. “Is it going to be \$5? Is it going to be \$6, or \$7? That’s the million-dollar question that nobody knows.”

How are drivers coping?

On Saturday morning at a BP station in the Brooklyn borough of New York, computer worker Nick Schaffzin blamed Putin for the \$5.45 per gallon he was shell-ing out and said he will make sacrifices to pay the price.

“You just cut back on some other things — vacations, discretionary stuff, stuff that’s nice to have but you don’t need,” he said. “Gas you need.”

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Saturday, June 11

PLAY3 DAY

6 8 8 WB: 4

PLAY4 DAY

9 6 4 3 WB: 8

The late numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

FRIDAY’S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT

8 9 0 WB: 3

PLAY4 NIGHT

CASH 5 4 7 1 8 WB: 3

1 8 14 22 28

LUCKY FOR LIFE

12 18 26 37 39 LB: 8

LOTTO

12 21 27 28 30 40

Zero first-prize ticket(s) sold.

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3 12 14 18 32 MB: 4 MP: 5

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Tuesday’s est. Mega Millions jackpot: \$247 million

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Rally

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beside Toth in the shadow of the Washington Monument to fight for the futures of children like their classmates.

The teens boarded a bus in the parking lot of Newtown High School at 5 a.m. Saturday for the drive down to Washington, D.C., to join in the March for Our Lives — the second of its kind since the organization was founded by survivors of the mass school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were killed in 2018.

The memory of the 26 who didn't make it out of Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14, 2012, stayed with the teens as they marched and rallied in the nation's capital alongside classmates, holding homemade signs that read: "10 years since Sandy Hook. Congress what are you doing?" and "More than 500 school shootings since mine."

The march is a moment she'll remember, Paradis said.

The morning of Dec. 14, 2012, is seared into her memory, too. Some moments of that day are fuzzy, or blacked out in her memory. The sound of gunshots has left her, she said, but the things she saw that day have not.

She remembers being in her homeroom class when the sound of squeaking and muffled voices came over the intercom. She and her classmates, all 7 and 8 years old, were "being silly and giggling, saying it was a hamster," she said.

In Toth's neighboring classroom, they thought maybe a wild animal had gotten into the school.

But Paradis realized something was wrong when the look in her teacher's eye shifted to one of terror. She closed the classroom door and blocked the windows.

"I could tell she was scared," Paradis said.

Toth heard the fear in the rattling of her teacher's voice as she called for help and tried desperately to lock the door, but the lock was broken. Their class went through an interior door to join Paradis' classroom and hide on the other side.

Both young women remember looking around the firehouse after they made it out of the school, and the woods they ran through; they saw dozens of shaking, sobbing children whose faces were stained with tears and eyes were filled with fear, their fingers fumbling to call their moms and dads on flip phones.

Toth remembers going home where her parents and her friends' parents huddled around the TV watching the news. She wandered into the room at some point, she recalls. She saw a face on the screen, the face of the shooter, and thought: "That's who did this. That's who wanted to hurt us."

In a nearby home, Paradis was sitting on her family's couch as her father crouched in front of her with a piece of freshly printed paper. From it, he read a long list of names: names of her teachers, principal and classmates who would never come home.

'A matter of what side of the hallway'

Toth and Paradis, who escaped the school by each other's side, have for years been active members of the Junior Newtown Action Alliance, the youth chapter of the Newtown Action Alliance a grassroots organization founded by Po Murray — a neighbor of the Sandy Hook shooter — that lobbies for stricter gun laws in Connecticut and on Capitol Hill.

Beside them in Washington on Saturday was 17-year-old Jackie Hegarty, also a member of the junior alliance. She was inside a second grade classroom right across the hall from the classrooms where 20 first-graders were murdered.

"I kept thinking, it was just a matter of what side of the hallway he chose," she said on the bus ride to Washington. "I was in the first classroom on the other side of the hall: I survived because he chose the other side."

Hegarty, her teachers told her, was one of the last students to leave the school alive.

She was given the same instruc-



Camille Paradis, left, and Rayna Toth survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting together in 2012. On Saturday morning, they arrive in Washington, D.C., for the March For Our Lives on a bus from Newtown. TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT



People duck down after a man tried and failed to rush the stage during the second March for Our Lives rally in support of gun control in front of the Washington Monument on Saturday. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

tions: to close her eyes and be guided by her hands on the shoulders of the student ahead of her.

"But I didn't close my eyes," she said. "I was a little kid trying to be careful, and I didn't know what was happening. I didn't want to step on any glass."

What she saw that day has never left her mind, she said quietly at the back of the bus.

She saw piles of shattered glass from where the gunman shot through doors to get to students locked in classrooms; she saw a hallway full of debris; she saw pools and pools of blood.

"That's really what stuck with me, the kind of horrific aftermath of it all," she said.

She also remembers what it was like to be barricaded in her classroom for what felt like forever for a 7-year-old.

It was 4 ½ minutes of gunshots, she's been told, "but it felt like hours"

When they first heard the noises, the gunshots, they thought it was the janitor rolling around a garbage can.

"It's not something we would ever think of that our school was being targeted by a school shooting," she said. "It was never our first thought, and it shouldn't have to be."

She knew it was something much, much worse when they were told to hide.

Even at 7, she had the instinct to hide toward the back of the classroom. She figured she had a higher chance of surviving the farther she was from the door, she said. She remembers looking at the boy who was closest to the door and thinking, "He'll be the first to die," she said.

The class gathered around their cubbies, where they kept their backpacks. Hagerty sat on hers and looked for her doll, Mary, but realized she'd left her at home.

Kids all around her were crying, softly. Her teacher was quietly singing them Christmas songs.

Her hope now is that no other

child has to hide like she did.

"I hope that kids can go to school to learn and not to learn how to hide. They should be able to focus on math and their ABCs and not trying to survive," she said.

The high school junior was on a field trip last month when another young man opened fire on another elementary school, killing 21 people in Uvalde, Texas. The trip was at another school, and she was already on edge, not knowing where the exits were in the event of a shooting.

Then, that night, she heard the news.

"Just hearing something like that just made me feel so much more unsafe and then knowing this happened in another school hurt me. It really hurt me, because I had made a promise to myself when I was growing up that I would never let another kid go through what I was going through," she said.

Joining the junior group was a chance to put her pain into action. A passion that was reignited after the Uvalde shooting.

The second March for Our Lives was organized in the wake of the deadly shootings in Texas and Buffalo, New York, and was held as senators continue their negotiations to try to reach a bipartisan compromise of a legislative package that envelops gun control, mental health and school security. Ahead of the trip to Washington, Paradis said she was hopeful that this time might be different.

Joining the alliance two years ago and marching on Washington with her fellow survivors was an opportunity for her to finally channel her trauma into activism to bring change.

"I'm still in the grieving and mourning process, but I was finally in a place where I had the energy to put those emotions into activism," she said. "Recent events have made this really resurface all those feelings that are so hard to unpack because, 'How is this still a problem?'"

But, sadly, another day of their

lives was shadowed by the threat of being shot.

That re-traumatization happened again, this time in the very place where they were speaking out against gun violence.

A triggering threat

"I was convinced I was going to die," said 18-year-old activist Maggie LaBanca as she waited to board a bus back to Connecticut on Saturday.

LaBanca, a co-chair of the junior alliance, was standing backstage beside fellow survivors from Sandy Hook and survivors from school shootings in Parkland and Columbine when she heard a loud noise and people shouting. She threw herself on the ground to take cover.

"I was just thinking of what all my friends did all those years ago," she said.

But the threat was a false alarm, this time. A man who shouted "I have a gun and I'll use it" into the crowd and threw something toward the stage was removed from the area immediately and no one was injured.

The mere threat, though, sent the survivors of Sandy Hook running for their lives. Many of the students erupted in heaving sobs as they ran from the front of the crowd as fast as they could, wrapping their arms around each other as they took cover under the embraces of their chaperones.

In that moment, LaBanca was taken right back to the day she, too, hid in her third grade classroom. The day her friend and neighbor Daniel Barden, 7, was killed.

"I was 8 years old again, my vision was blurry and I knew I was going to die," she said.

Mitzi Muller, who chaperoned the trip to D.C., wrapped her daughter Faith DeMaio in a hug and asked her if she was OK after the group ran from the threat.

"This is their worst nightmare," she said, looking around the crowd.

Karin LaBanca, Maggie's mother, said that the survivors came to Washington with hope and were met with sounds that filled them with their worst fears: their friends screaming, sirens racing toward them.

"It retriggers everything. It brings everything back," she said. "They all wanted to know what the sirens were for because that's what they heard [in 2012]."

"I was hearing it all over again," her daughter said of the sounds that filled the mall in those few terrifying moments.

"The students were visibly shaken by the noise by the sirens by the yelling by the speaker on stage who told them not to worry," said Karin LaBanca.

The mother and activist said some of the students who were shaken by the sounds on Saturday had just started to find strength in

their activism.

"Some of those girls were just finding their voice," she said. "They were just starting to speak, 9 ½ years after Sandy Hook, and then they're at an event trying to end gun violence and the auditory trauma brings it all back."

The survivors were set to stand on stage at the end of the rally, but instead stayed safe inside a backstage tent. After the last speaker finished, they all wanted to get right back on the bus.

As a group of the teens stepped onto the bus, ready to go home, Karin LaBanca said, "They shouldn't have to continue to go through this."

But she didn't want the threat and the trauma it triggered to overshadow the hopefulness of the day.

Thousands of people gathered in Washington on Saturday, holding signs with messages that read: "bullets are not school supplies" and "my classroom is for learning not dying." Parkland survivors and activists David Hogg and X Gonzalez were among almost a dozen speakers who shouted into a microphone, demanding Congress to pass tighter gun laws.

Although she had been as scared as she was Saturday once before, 9 ½ years ago, Maggie LaBanca said she'd never felt as supported as she did today surrounded by survivors in that terrifying moment.

Toth said her fellow survivors give her the support she needs to keep speaking out.

She was encouraged to become an activist after seeing students from Parkland, like Hogg and Gonzalez, advocate for stricter gun laws and has since been to Washington time and time again to meet with members of Congress, hold vigils and work phone banks.

Being together, she said, makes things better.

"We understand each other in a way that makes it easier to do this because we can talk about it and help each other through it. We can notice and understand if one of us is having a tough time," she said. "It's a lot sometimes. It can be draining and defeating."

On the way to Washington, Leah Crebbin, a junior at Newtown High School who will also co-chair the junior alliance next year, said that coming to an event like the March For Our Lives reinvigorates the reason they work so hard to make sure their story isn't forgotten.

"This process of honoring with action can feel sometimes hopeless because it's been years since out tragedy and it's still happening," she said.

"But coming to an event like this and seeing that there are so many people who are with you who are also fighting gives us hope. It reminds me that this is all for good and we are going to make the change we want to make."

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Officials warn of Russian firepower

As EU leader visits, Zelenskyy calls for stronger sanctions

By David Keyton and John Leicester
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian and British officials warned Saturday that Russian forces are relying on weapons able to cause mass casualties as they try to make headway in capturing eastern Ukraine and fierce, prolonged fighting depletes resources on both sides.

Russian bombers have likely been launching heavy 1960s-era anti-ship missiles in Ukraine, the U.K. Defense Ministry said. The Kh-22 missiles were primarily designed to destroy aircraft carriers using a nuclear warhead. When used in ground attacks with conventional warheads, they “are highly inaccurate and therefore can cause severe collateral damage and casualties,” the ministry said.

Both sides have expended large amounts of weaponry in what has become a grinding war of attrition for the eastern region known as the Donbas.

Russia is likely using the 6.1-ton anti-ship missiles because it is running short of more precise modern missiles, the British ministry said. It gave no details of where such missiles are thought to have been deployed.

Meanwhile, a Ukrainian governor accused Russia of using incendiary weapons in a village in the eastern province of Luhansk, southwest of the fiercely contested cities of Sievierodonetsk and



A Russian soldier on patrol Saturday outside the eastern Ukrainian town of Schastia. YURI KADOBNOV/GETTY-AFP

Lysychansk.

While the use of flamethrowers on the battlefield is legal, provincial Gov. Serhii Haidai alleged the overnight attacks in Vrubivka caused widespread damage to civilian facilities and an unknown number of victims.

“At night, the enemy used a flamethrower rocket system — many houses burnt down,” Haidai wrote on Telegram on Saturday.

His claim could not be immediately verified.

Sieverodonetsk and neighboring Lysychansk are the last major areas

of Luhansk remaining under Ukrainian control. Haidai said Russian forces destroyed railway depots, a brick factory and a glass factory.

The Ukrainian army said Saturday that Russian forces also were to launch an offensive on the city of Sloviansk in Donetsk province, which with Luhansk makes up the Donbas. Moscow-backed rebels have controlled self-proclaimed republics in both provinces since 2014, and Russia is trying to seize the territory still in Ukrainian hands.

With the European

Union’s top official in Kyiv on Saturday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called for a new round of “even stronger” EU sanctions against Russia.

Zelenskyy called for them to target more Russian officials, including judges, and to hamper activities of all Russian banks, including that of gas giant Gazprom, as well as all Russian companies helping Moscow.

Zelenskyy spoke during a brief media appearance with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at the heavily guarded presidential office

compound in Ukraine’s capital city. It was von der Leyen’s second visit to Ukraine since the invasion began on Feb. 24.

The pair discussed Ukraine’s aspirations for EU membership. Zelenskyy, speaking through a translator, said Ukraine “will do everything” to integrate with the bloc.

“Russia wants to divide Europe, wants to weaken Europe,” he said.

Von der Leyen said the EU’s executive arm was “working day and night” on an assessment of Ukraine’s eligibility as a candidate.

“You have done a lot on strengthening the rule of law but there still need to be reforms implemented to fight corruption, for example,” von der Leyen said to Zelenskyy.

The goal is to have the review ready to share with the bloc’s 27 existing members by the end of this week.

Ukrainian authorities on Saturday also reported that nearly 800 children have been killed or wounded since the invasion began.

According to a statement from the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, at least 287 children died as a result of military activity, while at least 492 more have been hurt. The statement stressed the figures were based on investigations by juvenile prosecutors.

The office said children in Donetsk province have suffered the most, with 217 reported killed or wounded, compared with 132 in the Kharkiv region and 116 in the Kyiv region.

Officials in the city of Odesa said Saturday that a man was killed by an explosion while visiting a beach on the Black Sea, where mines are a growing concern.

The city council said via Telegram that the man was there with his wife and son despite warnings to stay away from beaches in the area. He was testing the water’s temperature and depth when the explosion occurred.

Russia and Ukraine have accused the each other of laying mines in the sea.

Bloomberg News contributed.

Thousands rally to plead for gun control measures

Activists vent rage at Congress during nationwide events

By Ashraf Khalil and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of people rallied on the National Mall and across the United States on Saturday in a renewed push for gun control measures after recent deadly mass shootings from Uvalde, Texas, to Buffalo, New York, that activists say should compel Congress to act.

“Enough is enough,” District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser told the second March for Our Lives rally in her city. “I speak as a mayor, a mom, and I speak for millions of Americans and America’s mayors who are demanding that Congress do its job. And its job is to protect us, to protect our children from gun violence.”

Speaker after speaker in Washington called on senators, who are seen as a major impediment to legislation, to act or face being voted out of office, especially given the shock to the nation’s conscience after 19 children and two teachers were killed May 24 at Robb Elementary

School in Uvalde.

“If our government can’t do anything to stop 19 kids from being killed and slaughtered in their own school, and decapitated, it’s time to change who is in government,” said David Hogg, a survivor of the 2018 shooting that killed 17 students and staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

A co-founder of the March for Our Lives organization that was created after that shooting and held its first rally in Washington not long afterward, Hogg led the crowd in chants of “Vote them out.”

Another Parkland survivor and group co-founder, X Gonzalez, delivered an impassioned, profanity-laced plea to Congress for change. “We are being murdered,” she screamed, and implored Congress to “act your age, not your shoe size.”

Added Yolanda King, granddaughter of Martin Luther King Jr.: “This time is different because this isn’t about politics. It’s about morality. Not right and left, but right and wrong, and that doesn’t just mean thoughts and prayers. That means courage and action.”

Manuel Oliver, whose son,

Joaquin, was killed in the Parkland shooting, called on students “to avoid going back to school until our elected leaders stop avoiding the crisis of gun violence in America and start acting to save our lives.”

Hundreds gathered at an amphitheater in Parkland, where Debra Hixon, whose husband, high school athletic director Chris Hixon, died in the shooting, said it is “all too easy” for young men to walk into stores and buy weapons.

“We weren’t done making memories, sharing dreams and living life together,” said Hixon, who now serves as a school board member. “Gun violence ripped that away from my family.”

In San Antonio, about 85 miles east of Uvalde, marchers chanted “Hey, hey, ho, ho, the NRA has got to go.” A man who said he helped to organize the rally, Frank Ruiz, called for gun reform laws similar to those enacted in Florida after the Parkland shooting that focused on raising the age for purchasing certain firearms and flagging those with mental health issues.

The U.S. House has passed bills to raise the age limit to buy semi-automatic weapons and establish federal “red flag” laws. A biparti-



Protesters who gathered for a gun control rally Saturday in Buffalo, New York, march past the site of May’s racist supermarket massacre. DEREK GEE/THE BUFFALO NEWS

san group of senators had hoped to reach agreement this week on a framework for addressing the issue and held talks Friday, but no deal was announced.

President Joe Biden, who was in California when the Washington rally began, said his message to demonstrators was “keep marching” and added that he is “mildly optimistic” about legislative negotiations to address gun violence. Biden recently delivered an impassioned address to the nation in which he called for several steps, including raising the

age limit for buying assault-style weapons.

In New York City, Mayor Eric Adams, who campaigned on reining in violence in the nation’s largest city, joined state Attorney General Letitia James, who is suing the National Rifle Association, in leading activists across the Brooklyn Bridge.

“Nothing happens in this country until young people stand up — not politicians,” James said.

John Wuesthoff, a retired lawyer in Portland, said he was waving an American

flag during the rally as a reminder that gun control is “not un-American.”

“It’s very American to have reasonable regulations to save the lives of our children,” he said.

Organizers hoped the second March for Our Lives rally would draw as many as 50,000 people to the Washington Monument, though the crowd seemed closer to 30,000. The 2018 event attracted more than 200,000 people, but the focus this time was on smaller marches at an estimated 300 locations.

FDA: Moderna’s COVID-19 shot deemed effective in children under 6

By Sharon LaFraniere
The New York Times

Moderna’s coronavirus vaccine for children under 6 is effective in preventing symptomatic infection without causing worrisome side effects, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday night.

FDA advisers are scheduled to meet this week to decide whether to recommend that the agency grant Moderna’s request for emergency authorization of its

vaccine for children ages 6 months to 17 years. They will also consider an application from Pfizer and its German partner, BioNTech, to clear its pediatric vaccine for children under 5.

The FDA is expected to release its analysis of Pfizer’s application on Monday.

The FDA cautioned that estimates of the efficacy of Moderna’s two-dose pediatric vaccine were based on relatively few cases of COVID-19. The agency also said that, like adults, pedi-

atric recipients would probably require a booster shot to counteract the vaccine’s waning potency over time.

But the agency said that two shots of Moderna’s vaccine triggered an immune response in clinical trial participants comparable to that of young adults, meeting the criterion set for effectiveness. The results were measured by the level of neutralizing antibodies, which work to block the virus, in the children’s blood.

Children 11 and younger

generally experienced fewer side effects from the vaccine than adolescents, probably because their doses were weaker, the FDA said.

Although fevers were more frequent in children under 6, the rates were not substantially different from those produced by other routine childhood vaccines, the agency said.

There were no cases of myocarditis or pericarditis, conditions involving inflammation of the heart muscle and surrounding

tissue that are known risks for young men who receive Moderna or Pfizer coronavirus vaccines.

About 18 million children under 5 are the only group in the United States not eligible for COVID-19 shots. Those 5 or over are covered by the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Moderna and Pfizer are proposing different regimens to cover the youngest children. Pfizer is seeking authorization for a three-dose regimen with doses one-tenth the strength of

adult shots. Moderna has proposed two doses at one-quarter the strength of adult doses.

Moderna’s vaccine was 51% effective in preventing symptomatic infection in children 6 months to 2 years old and 37% effective in children 2 to 5 years old. Pfizer said its clinical trial suggested its vaccine was 80% effective, but the trial was based on 10 cases. More than twice that number is required to assess the efficacy of the shots.

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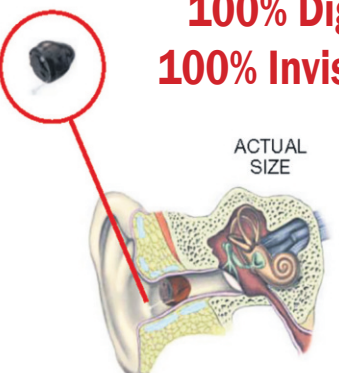
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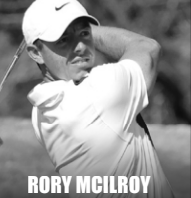




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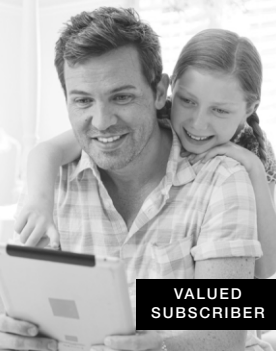


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Giuliani faces DC Bar ethics charges over Pa. voter fraud claims

From news services

WASHINGTON — Rudy Giuliani, one of Donald Trump’s primary lawyers during the then-president’s failed efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election, must now answer to professional ethics charges, the latest career slap after law license suspensions in New York and the District of Columbia.

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the disciplinary branch of the District of Columbia Bar, filed the charges against the former federal prosecutor and New York mayor alleging that he promoted unsubstantiated voter fraud claims in Pennsylvania.

The action, which was filed June 6, became public on Friday.

At issue are claims Giuliani made in supporting a Trump campaign lawsuit seeking to overturn the election results in Pennsylvania. That suit, which sought to invalidate as many as 1.5 million mail-in ballots, was dismissed by courts.

The counsel’s office said Giuliani’s conduct violated Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct “in that he brought a proceeding and asserted issues therein without a non-frivolous basis in law and fact for doing so” and “that he engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.”

The counsel asked that the D.C. Court of Appeals Board on Professional Responsibility take up the matter. Giuliani has 20 days to respond, according to the filing. An attempt Saturday to reach a lawyer for Giuliani was unsuccessful.

The step is the latest against Giuliani for his role in Trump’s debunked claims that the 2020 presidential election was fraudulent.

Last June, an appeals

court suspended him from practicing law in New York because he made false statements while trying to get courts to overturn Trump’s loss. An attorney disciplinary committee had asked the court to suspend his license on the grounds that he had violated professional conduct rules as he promoted theories that the election was stolen through fraud.

The D.C. Bar temporarily suspended him last July although the practical implication of that action is questionable, given that Giuliani’s law license in Washington has been inactive since 2002.

Nicaragua-Russia pact: The government of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega has authorized Russian troops, planes and ships to deploy to Nicaragua for purposes of training, law enforcement or emergency response.

In a decree published last week, and later confirmed by Russia, Ortega will allow Russian troops to carry out law enforcement duties, “humanitarian aid, rescue and search missions in emergencies or natural disasters.”

The Nicaraguan government also authorized the presence of small contingents of Russian troops for “exchange of experiences and training.”

Russia’s foreign ministry spokeswoman, Maria Zakharova, told the Russian news outlet Sputnik that the measure was “routine.”

“We are talking about a routine — twice a year — procedure for the adoption of a Nicaraguan law on the temporary admission of foreign military personnel to its territory in order to develop cooperation in various areas, including humanitarian and emergency responses, combatting orga-



Dancers perform a folk dance called La Morenada on Saturday in La Paz, Bolivia, during an annual parade in honor of “El Señor del Gran Poder.” The traditional parade was held for the first time since a two-year suspension due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thousands there honored the Lord of Great Power and gave thanks for blessings received throughout the year. **JUAN KARITA/AP**

nized crime and drug trafficking,” Zakharova said.

Bolivian ex-president: Former Bolivian interim President Jeanine Áñez was sentenced to 10 years in prison late Friday on charges linked to her assumption of office in 2019 amid violent protests that led to the resignation and exile of her predecessor, Evo Morales.

Áñez was convicted by the court of dereliction of duty and acting against the constitution when she proclaimed herself president in what Morales and his party have called a coup.

Áñez’s supporters deny it was a coup, saying Morales’ alleged abuse of power triggered a legitimate uprising in the streets.

The ouster of Bolivia’s first Indigenous president and his vice president created a power vacuum that allowed Áñez to assume the interim presidency as second president of the Senate, they claim. The defense said she will appeal the decision.

“I did not lift a finger to become president, but I did what I had to do to pacify a country that Morales left convulsed as he fled,” Áñez said from the prison where she is being held.

Morales stepped down following nationwide protests over suspected vote-rigging in an Oct. 20 election, which he claimed to have won to gain a fourth term in office.

Italy helicopter crash: Italian rescuers on Saturday located the bodies of seven people, including four Turkish and two Lebanese businessmen, who died when their helicopter crashed in a heavily forested, mountainous area in north-central Italy during a storm, authorities said.

Italian air force Col. Alfonso Cipriano said rescuers were tipped off to the crash site after a mountain runner reported seeing what he thought was a part of the mangled chopper Saturday morning on Mount Cusna.

Ground crews initially located five bodies, and then the other two, Cipriano said.

UK deportation plan: A British newspaper says Prince Charles has criticized the government’s plan to start deporting some asylum-seekers to Rwanda, calling it “appalling.”

Citing unnamed sources, the Times newspaper reported late Friday that Charles is privately opposed to Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s policy to send people to the East African country.

A court ruling has paved the way for the first flight under the controversial deal to leave Tuesday with more than 30 people. Britain plans to send some migrants who arrive in the U.K. as stowaways or in small boats to Rwanda, where their asylum claims will be processed.

If successful, they will stay in the African country. Human rights groups have called the idea unworkable and inhumane.

The prince’s office neither confirmed nor denied the report.

The policy threatens to overshadow the upcoming visit by Charles and his wife Camilla to Rwanda later this month to attend a meeting of Commonwealth leaders.

Traditionally, British royals don’t get involved in political matters.

Oklahoma executions: Oklahoma’s attorney general has asked the state’s highest appeals court to set execution dates for 25 death row inmates following a federal judge’s rejection of their challenge to the state’s lethal injection method.

In 25 similar filings with the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday, Attorney General John O’Connor wrote that the federal court’s stays of execution are no longer in place and that therefore there are no longer any legal impediments to executing the inmates, who have exhausted their appeals.

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WORLD & NATION

Israeli settlers' special status at risk

Those in occupied West Bank could face military rule

By Joseph Krauss
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank may soon get a taste of the military rule that Palestinians have been living under for 55 years.

If Israel's parliament does not act, a special legal status accorded to the settlers will expire at the end of the month.

While few expect things to reach that point, the looming deadline has put Israel's government on the brink of collapse and drawn dire warnings.

"Without this law, it would be a disaster," said Israel Ganz, governor of the Benjamin Regional Council, a cluster of settlements just outside Jerusalem. "The Israeli government will lose any control here. No police, no taxes."

For over half a century, Israel has repeatedly renewed regulations that today extend a legal umbrella to nearly 500,000 settlers — but not to the more than 2.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank. After failing to pass last Monday, the bill will be brought for another vote in the Knesset this week in a last-ditch effort to save the governing coalition — and the legal arrangement.

The law underpins separate legal systems for Jews and Palestinians in the West Bank, a situation that three major human rights groups say amounts to apartheid. Israel rejects that allegation as an attack on its legitimacy.

"This is the piece of legislation that enables apartheid," said Jessica Montell, director of the Israeli human rights group HaMoked, which provides legal aid to Palestinians. "The whole settlement enterprise depends on them enjoying all the rights and benefits of



An Israeli soldier secures a bus stop while Israeli settlers wait for a ride Thursday at the Gush Etzion transportation hub for a number of West Bank Jewish settlements. Israeli settlers in the West Bank could soon face military rule. MAYA ALLERUZZO/AP

being Israelis even though they are in occupied territory."

An overwhelming majority in the Knesset support maintaining the separate systems. The main reason the bill didn't pass was that the nationalist opposition — which strongly supports it — refused to vote in favor in an attempt to bring down Israel's broad-based but fragile coalition government. In a similar vein, anti-settlement lawmakers voted in favor of the legislation to keep the coalition afloat.

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war and has built more than 130 settlements there, many of which resemble small towns. The Palestinians want the West Bank to form the main part of their future state. Most countries view the settlements as a violation of international law.

Israel refers to the West Bank by its biblical name, Judea and Samaria, and considers it the heartland of the Jewish people. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett supports settlement expansion and is opposed to Palestinian statehood. Israel officially views the West Bank as disputed territory whose fate is subject to negotiations, which collapsed more than a decade ago.

The emergency regulations, first enacted in 1967 and regularly renewed, extend much of Israeli law to West Bank settlers — but not to the territory itself.

"Applying the law to the territory could be considered as annexing the territory, with all the political consequences that Israel did not want to have," said Liron Libman, a research fellow at the Israel Democracy Institute and a former top Israeli military prosecutor.

Failure to renew the bill by the end of June would have far-reaching consequences.

The Israel Bar Association requires lawyers and judges to reside in the country. Without the law's carve-out, settlers would not be able to practice law in Israeli courts. That would include two Supreme Court justices, one of whom recently upheld an order to forcibly relocate hundreds of Palestinians.

The bill's lapse could also result in more settlers who run afoul of the law being tried in military courts — something Israel authorities have long tried to reserve for Palestinian suspects.

The settlers could lose their ability to use national health insurance for treatment inside the West Bank, and the ability to update their status in the population registry and get national ID cards — something routinely denied to Palestinians.

The law also provides a legal basis for Israel to jail thousands of Palestinians who have been convicted by military courts in prisons inside Israel, despite international law prohibiting the transfer of prisoners out of occupied territory. The law's lapse could force Israel to move those prisoners back to the West Bank, where there is one Israeli prison.

The various consequences are seen as so catastrophic that many Israelis expect the bill to pass or the government to be replaced. It's also possible that Israeli authorities, who often bend to the settlers' demands, will find workarounds to blunt the worst effects.

"I'm not worried," said Ganz, the settler leader. "It's like when you owe the bank 1 million dollars, you are worried about it, but when you owe 1 billion, the bank manager is worried."

Asked if the separate legal systems amount to apartheid, Ganz said: "I agree with you, 100%."

His preferred solution is that Israel annex what's known as Area C, the 60% of

the West Bank where, under interim peace accords, Israel already exercises complete control. Area C includes the settlements, as well as rural areas that are home to some 300,000 Palestinians, according to the U.N.

Most Palestinians live in Areas A and B — scattered, disconnected population centers where the Palestinian Authority exercises limited self-rule.

"It's strange that different populations in the same area have different laws," Ganz said. "So we have to bring Israeli law to everyone here in Area C."

Two years ago, Israel's then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu flirted with annexation before putting it on hold as part of an agreement with the United Arab Emirates to normalize relations.

The Palestinians, and much of the international community, view annexation as a violation of international law that would deal a fatal blow to any hope for a two-state solution, still widely seen internationally as the only way to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Netanyahu, now opposition leader, and his allies strongly support the West Bank bill but hope its defeat will speed his return to power. The coalition cannot pass it on its own because a handful of lawmakers — mainly Palestinian citizens of Israel — refuse to vote for it.

The law may have been designed with an eventual partition in mind. But many Palestinians see its longevity as proof that Israel was never serious about a two-state solution.

"They could have easily undone the occupation by just not passing this law, time and again," said Diana Buttu, a Palestinian lawyer and former adviser to the Palestinian Authority. "It gets passed by the left, and it gets passed by the right. That's why this idea of two states is such a fiction."



Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro, left, and Iran's Ebrahim Raisi on Saturday in Tehran, Iran. The two countries, both under U.S. sanctions, reached a 20-year cooperation pact. VAHID SALEMI/AP

Venezuela, Iran sign off on long-term cooperation pact

By Amir Vahdat
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro and Iran's hard-line president signed a 20-year cooperation agreement Saturday, a day after Maduro praised the Islamic Republic for sending badly needed fuel to his nation despite U.S. sanctions.

Iranian state media reported late Friday that Maduro hailed Iran's move to send tankers to his energy-hungry nation.

"Tehran's delivery of oil to Caracas was a great help to the Venezuelan people," he said.

Maduro's first visit to Iran comes amid tensions across the Middle East over the collapse of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers. U.S. sanctions and rising global food prices that are choking Iran's ailing economy, putting further pressure on its government.

A high-ranking political and economic delegation from Venezuela — which like Iran is under heavy U.S. sanctions — is accompanying Maduro on his visit, following an invitation from

hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi.

On Saturday, Raisi and Maduro signed a 20-year agreement to expand ties in the oil and petrochemical industries, the military and the economy.

Iranian English-language PressTV quoted Maduro before the news conference as saying the two men would meet to discuss "the need to well inform the Iranian and Venezuelan nations about the war of sanctions and find ways to counter them with steadfastness."

Maduro said Venezuela and Iran are united by "a common vision" on international issues and are both victims of coercive measures by the United States and its allies.

"Caracas and Tehran have shaped the strategy of (a) resistance economy and are working to expand it," he said.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, said that the successful experience of the two countries showed that the only way to face the United States' pressures and wars is "to resist." He thanked Maduro and the

people of Venezuela, saying "today, the United States views Venezuela differently."

Maduro is on a tour that included stops in Algeria and Turkey after President Joe Biden decided not to invite him to the Summit of the Americas, which ended Friday.

Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua were not invited to the summit by the Biden administration due to their authoritarianism and human rights violations. That led to Mexico's president, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, announcing he would not attend.

Raisi praised Maduro as a leader "who has shown a policy of fighting against imperialism and has achieved a good position by overcoming sanctions and threats."

Maduro announced that a direct flight between Tehran and Caracas would begin in July.

The semi-official Tasnim news agency later reported Iran delivered the oil tanker Aframax-2 to Venezuelan officials, the second of four vessels Iran was contracted to build for the country.

US issues warning to China over aggression near Taiwan

By Chris Buckley and Sui-Lee Wee
The New York Times

SINGAPORE — Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin warned China on Saturday against what he called "provocative and destabilizing" activity near the disputed island of Taiwan, following talks with China's defense minister, Gen. Wei Fenghe, that focused on preventing regional tensions from escalating.

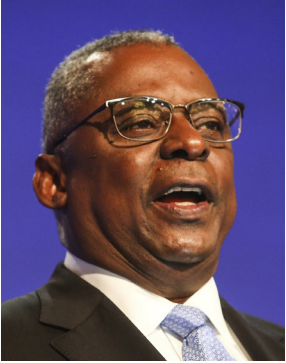
Taiwan — a self-ruled island of 24 million inhabitants that Beijing claims as its own — was one of the topics of the talks between Austin and Wei in Singapore on Friday, along with disputes in seas around China and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Austin amplified his warnings in a speech to the Shangri-La Dialogue, a security meeting in Singapore, while asserting that Washington did not support an independent Taiwan.

"Our policy hasn't changed, but unfortunately that doesn't seem to be true for the PRC," Austin said Saturday, referring to the People's Republic of China. "We see growing coercion from Beijing. We've witnessed a steady increase in provocative and destabilizing military activity near Taiwan."

Austin said that increasing People's Liberation Army flights near Taiwan reflected a pattern of increasing Chinese pressure on neighbors, including India, Japan and Southeast Asian countries that dispute China's expansive claims in the South China Sea.

Austin indicated that U.S. policy on Taiwan remained unchanged, notwithstanding speculation about recent comments by President Joe Biden.

"We categorically oppose any unilateral changes to the status quo from either side. We do not support Taiwan independence,"



Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin issued a warning to China over its actions near Taiwan. DANIAL HAKIM/AP

Austin said.

On Friday, Wei put responsibility on the United States for worsening tensions over Taiwan, telling Austin that U.S. weapons sales to the island "gravely damage China's sovereignty and security interests," the Chinese Ministry of National Defense said in its summary of their talks.

"Using Taiwan to contain China will never succeed," Wei said, according to the summary.

Wei is scheduled to address the forum Sunday, giving him an opportunity to respond to Austin's speech.

The meeting between Austin and Wei was only their second bilateral encounter, following a phone call in April, despite the increasing rivalry between the countries.

Austin "underscored the importance of the People's Liberation Army engaging in substantive dialogue on improving crisis communications and reducing strategic risk," the Pentagon said in a statement after the meeting.

Despite the public sparring, both sides also indicated that Austin and Wei had made some progress during their meeting, which lasted about an hour. Senior Col. Wu Qian, a spokesperson for the Chinese defense ministry, said the talks had

also covered the South China Sea — where China's wide territorial claims are contested by Southeast Asian countries — as well as the war in Ukraine.

"China has always believed that it's better to meet than not meet, and better to talk than not," Wu said. He added that the talks marked a "very good start" for improved contacts between the U.S. and Chinese militaries.

China has been flexing its military might in Asia in ways that have raised alarms in the region and in Washington. In recent days, U.S. allies have complained about Chinese military jets harassing their planes, flying so close that the pilots could see one another or making provocative, risky maneuvers, such as releasing metallic chaff in the path of an Australian aircraft.

These "dangerous intercepts," Austin said, "should worry us all. Mistakes are especially stark in the Taiwan Strait."

Last month, China and Russia held a joint military exercise, sending bombers over the seas in northeast Asia as Biden was visiting the region.

"It's possible that the Chinese are testing U.S. allies to see if they'll back down," said Zack Cooper, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute who studies U.S. policy in Asia and was attending the Singapore dialogue. "They may be more likely to test these other countries to see if they are less risk-tolerant."

American officials and military commanders worry that China's leader, Xi Jinping, may be willing to go to war over Taiwan in the coming years. Biden has indicated several times that the United States would step in with military support to defend Taiwan if Beijing launched an invasion.

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WORLD & NATION

Aid in, civilians out: Drivers risk all

Death, detention
await volunteers in
occupied territory

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — As Russian artillery pummeled the Ukrainian port city of Mariupol in April, one family decided to flee, walking for miles with three young children in tow to a nearby village. But it was thanks to a volunteer driver who crossed the front line that they managed to eventually make it out of Russian-held territory.

“The driver, Zhenya, is a saint,” said Luda Lobanova, 58, after stepping off a minibus in the central Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia in early May along with 8-year-old Ihor, 7-year-old Sofia and 2½-year-old Vlad. “There were so many times that they turned us around. If it wasn’t for Zhenya, we wouldn’t have made it.”

With tears in her eyes, Lobanova thanked him before he slipped away, clambering back into his minibus. He had more humanitarian aid to deliver, more people to pick up.

On the edge of the conflict zone in Ukraine, which runs along the country’s east and south, volunteer drivers are risking everything to deliver humanitarian aid to Ukrainians behind the front lines, and to get people out. The routes are dangerous and long — sometimes several days long — and the drivers face detention, injury or death. More than two dozen drivers have been captured, held for more than two months by Russian-backed separatists in the eastern Donetsk region, Ukrainian activists say.

A few do it for money, some drivers said, but many do it for free, either alone or in organized groups.

“I decided to do it because there are women and chil-



Volunteers with the Vostok SOS charitable organization evacuate an elderly woman from her home May 26 in Kramatorsk, eastern Ukraine. FRANCISCO SECO/AP

dren there,” said Oleksandr Petrenko, who carried out several evacuations from areas in and around Mariupol before he deemed his risk of detention too great because of his repeated forays into Russian-held territory.

“I also have a mother, I have a girlfriend. These people don’t have to stay there, in that human grinder. Lives are broken there. If you don’t do it, people might die,” he said.

Joining more experienced drivers at first, Petrenko learned the routes and how to operate. He adopted a set of strict rules, which apply to drivers and passengers alike: Wipe photos and messages off mobile phones, don’t criticize Russia or Russian-backed separatists and never, ever get into political discussions — the wrong

comment with the wrong people could cost you your freedom, or your life.

His first trip was the scariest. Even the weather was foreboding. “It was gray and gloomy,” he said. “It was raining. And when you enter a city of black color that burned down — it’s like a movie.”

Petrenko estimated that he managed to evacuate about 130 people from Russian-held areas before he stopped driving because of the risks.

Now he helps with logistics for a team of volunteer drivers operating out of Zaporizhzhia, the first safer major city encountered by many people fleeing Russian-held territory, particularly in the south from Mariupol and the surrounding areas.

None of the drivers who

were still crossing front lines would speak on the record, for security reasons.

The risks are clear. Among the detained drivers is Vitaliy Sytnykov, a 34-year-old, rock-climbing Mariupol taxi driver. He has been held since late March, according to one of his friends, journalist Alevtina Shvetsova, who fled Mariupol herself with her family earlier in March.

“He is a person with a big heart,” Shvetsova said, speaking in early June in the central city of Kryvyi Rih. Sytnykov had managed to get out of Mariupol but joined a group of volunteer drivers evacuating others, she said. Then, on one of his runs, he was captured. It’s not clear why.

The status of his and other drivers’ detention is unclear. Information is scarce,

gleaned from others held in the same detention facility who are later released, or from limited footage that has appeared on Russian television, Shvetsova said.

“He could have stayed in a safe place with (his) family,” after he got out of the city, she said. “But ... he knew there were many women, children left in Mariupol.”

Farther to the east, in the Donetsk and the neighboring Luhansk regions where Russian forces are doubling down on their offensive, volunteers’ vans and minibuses zip through towns and down country roads, racing to evacuate civilians as the fighting draws closer.

Roman Zhylenkov, a no-nonsense man of few words, has been helping evacuate people from the path of the conflict since early March, just a few days

after the start of the war. He started by taking people out of his now Russian-held hometown of Kreminna, north of the city of Sievierodonetsk, then continued in the Donetsk region.

Working with the Ukrainian aid group Vostok SOS, most of those he evacuates now from towns and cities such as Bakhmut, Kramatorsk and Sloviansk are elderly or ailing.

Many cannot walk and have to be carried out of houses and apartment blocks in stretchers or even in his arms.

“I would like to have a more quiet life,” he said, pausing briefly from ferrying a group of elderly evacuees. “But it is war now.”

On the back of his van, a sticker bears his organization’s logo and a hashtag: “#LeaveNoOneBehind.”



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Settlement

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nity was overwhelmingly opposed to,” Mayor Luke Bronin said.

Hartford’s Court of Common Council must approve the settlement and purchase, and Bronin is expected to present it to the council at a meeting before the end of the month.

At the equivalent of \$5.4 million for an undeveloped acre, the city is paying a high price for the property, people familiar with the market said. But Gersten has had the better record in court — a year ago, the state Supreme Court ruled the city was using its zoning authority improperly to block the McDonald’s — and should he win going forward, the city could be on the hook for \$2 million or more.

Gersten declined to discuss the settlement.

The politically influential occupants of the well-kept homes north of Farmington Avenue have been adamant in their opposition to a fast food drive-through, which they claim will scatter litter, increase vehicle traffic, hurt efforts to make the important east-west commercial corridor more pedestrian friendly and lower property values. For decades, the West End has united behind a succession of development plans to turn the avenue into a leafy place of apartments, small businesses, restaurants and lulled traffic.

“Like all of our major commercial corridors that run through our neighborhoods, we want Farmington Avenue to be a walkable, connected, vibrant corridor with a good mix of residential and retail,” Bronin said.

Of the future of the once-proposed McDonald’s site, Bronin said, “We will look to partner with private developers, and we’ll have



The vacant lot at the corner of Farmington Avenue and Girard Street where a McDonald’s with a drive-thru window had been planned. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

to see what the market can support. But I think that is a natural site for a mixed use development with both residential and retail.”

Even with McDonald’s out of the picture, there are obstacles to the transformation of Farmington Avenue. Next door to where Gersten wanted to put a McDonald’s is a Burger King — with a drive-thru window. Across the street is a Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant without one. There are also small businesses more consistent with the city’s vision: specialty Mexican and Korean restaurants, a

combination coffee house and bar, and an Irish pub on or near the busy stretch of the avenue near its intersection with Girard.

A food truck park with a pergola, a stage and seating for dozens of people, is being built on a lot at 510 Farmington Ave. by Quan and Rebecca Quach, who live in the neighborhood. Quan Quach has said up to four trucks at a time will be scheduled in a rotation similar to the setup at GastroPark, the food truck park in West Hartford that opened in 2020.

Gersten and Schonberger obtained a commit-

ment from McDonald’s and wanted to build their restaurant on the empty site of what for years had been a Shell gas station. The McDonald’s commitment was contingent on a profit generating drive-through window. Gersten claimed in four separate suits in state court that the city was illegally blocking his plans by rewriting zoning laws to kill his successive proposals.

The state Supreme Court ruled for Gersten a year ago, telling the parties to restart the process using 2012 zoning regulations that permitted a fast food drive-

through. The Supreme Court decision strengthened a federal suit in which Gersten argued the city was effectively taking his property by refusing to allow him to develop it.

In a measure of its objection to drive-through windows, when Gersten refiled after the Supreme Court decision, the city again rejected the proposal.

Amid the years of litigation and delay, McDonald’s gave up on Farmington Avenue and withdrew from the project — a decision that cost the developers as much as \$3 million, according to court

records.

During Bronin’s administration, Hartford moved away from traditional zoning and adopted something called “form-based code,” a means of regulating land development to achieve a specific urban design. Form-based development codes encourage designs that organize development based on the kind of community the city wants to create rather than by land use regulations.

There is no schedule for development of the former gas station site, which has been vacant for more than a decade.

WEEKLY MARKET RUNDOWN

▼**DOW**
31,392.79 -1506.91

▼**NASDAQ**
11,340.02 -672.71

▼**S&P 500**
3,900.86 -207.68

▲**10-YR T-NOTE**
3.15% +20

▲**30-YR T-BOND**
3.20% +09

▲**CRUDE OIL**
\$120.67 +1.80

▲**GOLD**
\$1,871.50 +26.10

▼**EURO**
\$1.0522 -.0199

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST															Sunday, June 12, 2022																		
COMPANY	TICKER	LOW	52-WK RANGE		FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG	%CHG	1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG %RTN	%CHG %RTN	RANK	%RTN	PE	YLD	COMPANY	TICKER	LOW	52-WK RANGE		FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG	%CHG	1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG %RTN	%CHG %RTN	RANK	%RTN	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	16.63	↔	27.72	20.69	-0.21	-1.0	▲	▼	-15.9	3.8	■	1.1	7	5.4		Intelsat SA	I		↔		.38	0.00	0.0	—	—	0.0	...		0.0	...	...	
Adv Micro Dev	AMD	78.96	↔	164.46	94.82	-11.48	-10.8	▼	▼	-34.1	23.6	■	51.7	37	1.7		Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	155.72	↔	186.69	172.55	-3.87	-2.2	▼	▲	0.9	7.5	■	26.5	2.5		
Alphabet Inc C	GOOG	2044.16	↔	3042.00	2228.55	-62.73	-2.7	▼	▼	-23.0	-7.8	■	19.3	20	...		Kaman	KAMN	32.31	↔	57.36	36.24	-1.20	-3.2	▲	▼	-16.0	-29.9	■	-4.3	23	2.2	
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	2037.69	↔	3030.93	2223.23	-67.59	-3.0	▼	▼	-23.3	-4.6	■	18.8	20	...		Lincoln Natl Corp	LNC	50.55	↔	77.57	51.12	-4.55	-8.2	▼	▼	-25.1	-17.8	■	-1.9	8	3.5	
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	101.26	↔	188.65	109.65	-12.70	-10.4	▼	▼	-34.2	-29.2	■	18.9	34	...		MGM Resorts Intl	MGM	30.70	↔	51.17	31.78	-2.92	-8.4	▼	▼	-29.2	-41.2	■	2.2	25	...	
Amphenol Corp	APH	65.84	↔	88.45	67.55	-3.33	-4.7	▼	▼	-22.8	2.5	■	13.7	...	1.2		Meta Platforms Inc	META	169.00	↔	384.33	175.57	-15.21	-8.0	▼	▼	-47.8	-24.3	■	4.2	13	...	
Apple Inc	AAPL	124.83	↔	182.94	137.13	-8.25	-5.7	▼	▼	-22.8	12.9	■	31.5	23	0.7		MetaLife Inc	MET	55.21	↔	73.18	63.47	-2.72	-4.1	▲	▼	1.6	5.1	■	9.7	8	3.2	
Avangrid Inc	AGR	42.20	↔	55.57	46.79	-0.58	-1.2	▲	▲	-6.2	-11.8	■	4.2	24	3.8		Micro Tech	MU	65.67	↔	98.45	62.62	-7.32	-10.5	▼	▼	-32.8	-15.7	■	16.7	12	0.6	
Bank of America	BAC	32.96	↔	50.11	33.17	-3.02	-8.3	▼	▼	-25.4	-16.5	■	9.9	10	2.5		Microsoft Corp	MSFT	246.44	↔	349.67	252.99	-17.03	-6.3	▼	▼	-24.8	5.4	■	31.3	28	1.0	
Barnes Group	B	31.08	↔	56.98	34.93	-1.74	-4.7	▲	▼	-25.0	-33.5	■	-8.1	18	1.8		Novartis AG	NVSV	79.09	↔	95.17	85.06	-4.06	-4.6	▼	▲	-2.8	-2.7	■	7.4	8	3.6	
Booking Holdings	BKNG	1796.45	↔	2715.66	2104.96	-230.91	-9.9	▲	▲	-12.3	-1.6	■	4.3	>99	...		Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	155.67	↔	346.47	169.74	-17.42	-9.3	▼	▼	-42.3	4.1	■	37.1	44	...	
Brist Myr Sqb	BMV	53.22	↔	78.61	75.09	-0.08	-0.1	▼	▲	20.4	19.3	■	9.6	24	2.9		Otis Worldwide Corp	OTIS	71.07	↔	92.84	73.29	-1.90	-2.5	▼	▲	-15.8	-4.6	■	0.0	25	1.3	
CVS Health Corp	CVS	79.34	↔	111.25	93.17	-1.73	-1.8	▼	▼	-9.7	11.6	■	5.2	15	2.4		Pfizer Inc	PFE	38.48	↔	61.71	49.97	-3.23	-6.1	▲	▼	-15.4	-34.0	■	13.7	14	3.2	
Carrier Global Corp	CARR	36.23	↔	58.89	37.34	-2.25	-5.7	▼	▼	-31.2	-14.7	■	0.0	...	1.3		Pitney Bowes	PBI	4.28	↔	9.92	4.40	-0.46	-9.5	▼	▼	-33.6	-48.2	■	-16.0	...	4.5	
Charter Commun	CHTR	410.33	↔	825.62	474.19	-16.88	-3.4	▲	▼	-27.3	-28.7	■	7.7	22	...		Prudential Fncl	PRU	94.51	↔	124.22	98.39	-5.57	-5.4	▼	▼	-9.1	1.1	■	2.7	5	4.9	
Cigna Corp	CI	191.74	↔	273.58	253.29	0.44	0.2	▼	▲	10.3	8.2	■	9.6	16	1.8		Pub Svc Ent Gp	PEG	58.96	↔	75.61	65.47	-4.49	-3.7	▼	▼	-1.9	10.0	■	11.0	22	3.3	
CocaCola Co	KO	52.28	↔	67.20	61.41	-1.56	-2.5	▼	▲	3.7	14.5	■	9.0	27	2.9		Raytheon Technolog	RTX	79.00	↔	106.02	95.49	-0.84	-0.9	▲	▼	11.0	11.9	■	7.7	43	2.1	
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	39.47	↔	61.80	41.63	-1.30	-3.0	▲	▼	-17.3	-23.2	■	2.7	14	2.6		Regeneron Corp	ROG	176.00	↔	274.51	259.91	-4.70	-1.8	▼	▲	-4.8	35.6	■	18.9	45	...	
Disney	DIS	99.47	↔	187.58	99.40	-9.27	-8.5	▼	▼	-35.8	-41.3	■	0.5	69	...		SS&C Technologies	SSNC	58.31	↔	84.85	60.51	-3.97	-6.2	▲	▼	-26.2	-13.7	■	11.7	40	1.1	
DuPont de Nemours	DD	62.10	↔	86.13	63.53	-3.39	-5.1	▼	▼	-21.4	-20.0	■	-2.8	6	2.1		Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	SIRI	5.89	↔	7.29	6.10	-1.07	-2.7	▼	▼	-3.9	-5.4	■	5.1	19	1.4	
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	99.72	↔	135.98	104.64	-2.29	-2.1	▲	▼	-17.9	-16.1	■	10.2	18	0.3		Snap Inc A	SNAP	12.55	↔	83.34	13.28	-1.21	-8.4	▼	▼	-71.8	-77.2	■	-4.9	...	...	...
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	7.96	↔	12.48	11.64	-0.21	-1.8	▲	▲	41.4	17.0	■	0.7	11	6.9		Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	112.38	↔	212.43	109.96	-3.78	-3.3	▼	▼	-41.4	-41.4	■	-1.2	11	2.9	
Ethan Allen	ETD	20.86	↔	31.11	22.14	-0.52	-2.3	▼	▼	-15.8	-18.5	■	0.8	7	5.8		Taiwan Semicon	TSM	85.39	↔	145.00	88.68	-5.09	-5.4	▼	▼	-26.3	-20.8	■	22.7	11	1.8	
Eversource Energy	ES	78.44	↔	94.63	88.03	-4.27	-4.6	▼	▲	-3.2	9.4	■	9.6	25	2.9		Terex Corp	TEX	30.67	↔	53.82	33.98	-2.43	-6.7	▲	▼	-22.7	-27.2	■	0.7	11	1.5	
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	52.10	↔	105.57	100.46	1.37	1.4	▲	▲	64.2	68.9	■	7.8	19	3.5		Tesla Inc	TESLA	582.88	↔	1243.49	696.69	-6.86	-1.0	▼	▼	-34.1	20.1	■	58.7	>99	...	...
Ford Motor	F	12.07	↔	25.87	12.75	-0.75	-5.6	▼	▼	-38.6	-12.3	■	6.7	3	3.1		Travelers Cos	TRV	144.44	↔	187.98	169.30	-3.96	-2.3	▼	▼	8.2	13.2	■	8.5	12	2.2	
Freeport McMoRan	FCX	30.02	↔	51.99	40.21	-1.12	-2.7	▲	▲	-3.6	.7	■	27.4	14	0.7		Uber Technologies	UBER	21.28	↔	52.36	23.72	-0.43	-1.8	▼	▼	-43.4	-48.2	■	0.0	...	...	...
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	2.87	↔	12.62	3.76	-0.34	-8.3	▲	▼	-27.7	-66.3	■	22.1	...	...		UnitedHealth Group	UNH	383.12	↔	553.29	484.63	-0.98	-0.2	▼	▲	-3.5	23.5	■	23.0	30	1.2	
Gen Dynamics	GD	182.66	↔	254.99	224.63	-5.50	-2.4	▼	▼	7.8	20.8	■	4.4	19	2.1		Virtus Invest	VRTS	161.30	↔	338.80	182.00	-10.61	-5.5	▲	▼	-38.7	-33.2	■	13.4	12	3.3	
Gen Electric	GE	71.14	↔	116.17	71.23	-5.74	-7.5	▼	▼	-24.6	-31.6	■	-17.2	...	0.4		Voya Financial	VOYA	58.97	↔	74.97	62.47	-3.73	-5.6	▼	▼	-5.8	2.6	■	12.7	8	1.3	
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	59.86	↔	78.17	68.28	-3.60	-5.0	▼	▲	-1.1	8.0	■	8.1	10	2.3		Webster Financial	WBS	44.55	↔	65.00	46.27	-3.95	-7.9	▼	▼	-17.1	-13.0	■	0.7	10	3.5	
Honeywell Intl	HON	174.42	↔	236.86	186.28	-8.54	-4.4	▼	▼	-10.7	-14.0	■	10.3	24	2.1		White Mtns Insur	WTM	978.51	↔	1283.00	1230.23	-2.77	-1.8	▲	▲	21.3	9.9	■	7.5	...	...	...
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	11.57	↔	19.08	11.92	-0.23	-1.9	▼	▼	-25.1	-24.2	■	10.0	10	10.1		World Wrestling Ent	WWE	46.81	↔	70.72	63.64	-6.06	-4.6	▲	▲	29.0	3.8	■	27.6	27	0.8	
Infosys Ltd	INFY	17.90	↔	26.39	18.33	-1.05	-5.4	▼	▼	-27.6	-1.9	■	22.5	28	...		XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	46.41	↔	90.78	49.48	-5.78	-10.5	▼	▼	-36.1	-37.6	■	8.7	8	...	
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	1.60	↔	10.33	1.51	-0.26	-14.7	▼	▼	-69.7	-83.6	■	-27.3	...	...		Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	16.07	↔	25.53	17.83	-0.97	-5.2	▲	▼	-21.2	-22.3	■	-3.4	...	...	...
Intel Corp	INTC	40.01	↔	58.42	39.18	-4.21	-9.7	▼	▼	-23.9	-27.3	■	5.4	8	3.7		Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.70	↔	6.40	5.65	-0.03	-0.5	▲	▲	33.9	8.4	■	16.6	38	5.6	

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			1MO	3MO	1YR		
3-month T-Bill	1.36	0.17	▲	▲	1.33	1.36	0.02
6-month T-Bill	1.97	0.30	▲	▲	1.94	1.97	0.03
52-week T-Bill	2.53	0.37	▲	▲	2.49	2.53	0.04
2-year T-Note	3.06	0.40	▲	▲	2.92	3.06	0.14
5-year T-Note	3.25	0.30	▲	▲	2.52	3.25	0.65
7-year T-Note	3.24	0.25	▲	▲	2.10	3.24	0.95
10-year T-Note	3.15	0.20	▲	▲	1.69	3.15	1.17
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New York Times Crossword

LET'S GET LITERATURE

BY CHRISTINA IVERSON AND KATIE HALE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Christina Iverson, of Ames, Iowa, is the assistant crossword editor for The Los Angeles Times. Katie Hale is a stay-at-home mom in London, England. The idea for this puzzle started with Katie. She had a few minutes to kill while waiting for an online course to start. As she stared at a copy of "The Great Gatsby," the phrase THROW A FITZGERALD popped into her head. She laughed ... and started adding syllables to other authors' names. Some of the results appear here. This is Christina's and Katie's third Sunday collaboration for The Times. — W.S.

- ACROSS**

1 Precursor to a circuit breaker

5 _____ bar

10 Pointed remark

14 Common spa descriptor

19 "Hello there, sailor!"

20 Gourmet mushroom with poisonous look-alikes

21 Somewhat

22 Core workout challenge

23 Looks up from reading "Frankenstein"?

27 Moody North Yorkshire setting

28 Handy

29 Restless

30 Split hairs?

31 Words exchanged during an "altar"-cation

32 Revise

33 Reads "Catch-22," "Closing Time" and "Something Happened" — and doesn't stop there?

39 Atmospheric driving hazard

42 Came to

43 Assistant

44 The joy of text?

45 Expression of a grump

47 Cheeky remarks ... or something near the cheek

48 Kendrick Lamar's 2017 best rap album Grammy winner

50 "Aquaman" actor Jason

52 English indie-pop singer Parks

53 Sleek reef swimmers

55 Borrows "The Color Purple" from the library instead of "The Flowers"?
- 60 1960s activist Bobby

62 Word with play or fight

63 Belgrade resident

64 See 36-Down

65 First in a line of 13 popes

67 Strands

69 Lifewater and Elixir brand

71 "Wow!"

74 Fashion guru Tim "_____ the spirit!"

76 D.E.A. target

81 Listens to "Tom Jones" on audiobook?

85 Matterhorn range

87 Wheely good invention?

88 Off

89 _____ tube

91 H

92 Conclude by Dawson in the Pro Football Hall of Fame

94

95 "Chat another time!" in an I.M.

97 Bolt in a sprint

99 Director Guillermo _____ Toro

100 Reads "Lady Chatterley's Lover" so many times its spine splits?

105 Cryptids on snowy mountains

107 Mars bar with shortbread and chocolate

108 [sigh]

109 Pilot green-lighter, in brief

111 "Ask away!"

113 Iconic scarecrow topper

117 Donates some copies of "King Lear" to the Renaissance Festival?

120 Still

121 Curling locale

122 Musical with the song "Another Suitcase in Another Hall"
- 123 _____ Rachel Wood of "Westworld"

124 Castles, essentially

125 Chances

126 Not let lapse

127 It can be outstanding

DOWN

1 "Octopuses can use tools," e.g.

2 "This is not good!"

3 Words said while shaking one's head in disgust

4 One might be found next to a neck pillow in an airport shop

5 Suave

6 Decant

7 Painting and filmmaking

8 Person in a head set?

9 Keebler cookie with shortbread and chocolate

10 Send away

11 Biblical analogue of Aron in "East of Eden"

12 High-_____ (kind of jeans or apartment building)

13 South Korean "Princes of Pop"

14 Jimmies and corkscrews

15 Debbie of "Fame" and "Grey's Anatomy"

16 Things often next to napkins in place settings

17 Spanish Agnes

18 Absolut alternative

24 Put in order

25 Text-writer's segue

26 Philosopher David

31 Alternative to a diaphragm
- 32 Like games marked 1->99

33 Strong wind

34 Pains for preschoolers

35 Chivalrous avatar of Vishnu

36 Sounds from a 64-Across

37 Saint associated with a "fire"

38 Birds on Canadian dollars

40 Big-eyed hatchling

41 1989 film for which Denzel Washington won best supporting actor

46 Follower of "So" or "lo"

49 Patronized a restaurant

50 Homes for cattails and bulrushes

51 Childhood friend

54 Blueberry-picking girl of children's literature

56 "Yuck!"

57 "You're right about that!"

58 "You're not right about that!"

59 "Chiquitita" singing group

61 Endurance, so to speak

66 Scarfs down

68 Norm: Abbr.

70 Geological span

71 Chose

72 QB's protection

73 Very rarely

75 Ancient home of a mythical lion

77 Delphic prophet

79 Barbershop specialty

80 Fiber-_____

82 "I'm in favor"

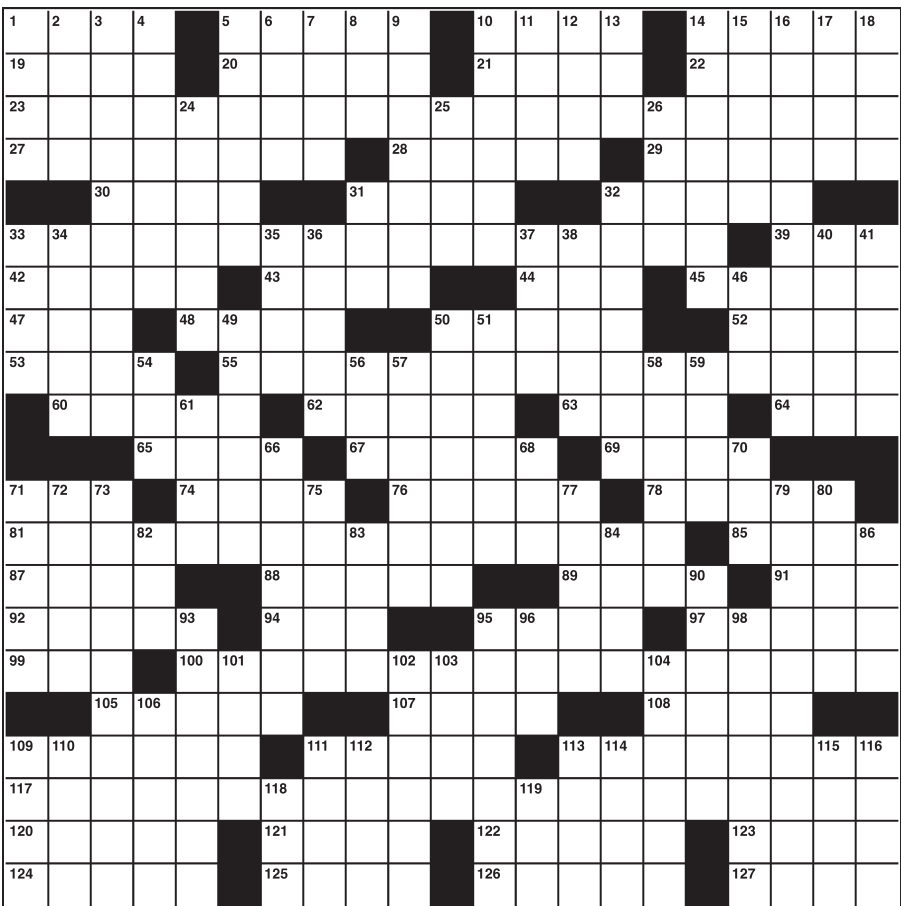
83 Rat

84 The Big Easy

86 Sound

90 Fabric made from jute

93 Med. exams with intradermal injections

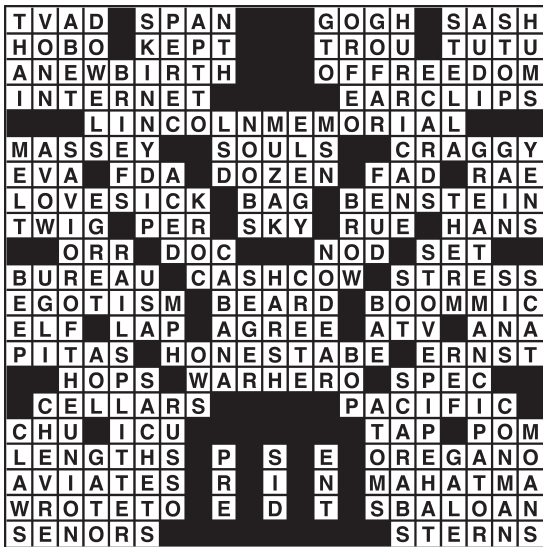


No. 0612

Answer To Last Week's Puzzle:

- 95 O'er yon
- 96 "The Muppets" villain Richman
- 98 Macroalgae
- 101 Costa
- 102 Baby birds?
- 103 Deuces
- 104 Cold War pact city
- 106 Use, as influence
- 109 "Here I come, weekend!"
- 110 In _____ veritas
- 111 Reported
- 112 Back
- 113 Abrade, in a way
- 114 Head: Fr.
- 115 Horse with endurance
- 116 Billowy dress style
- 118 To's counterpart
- 119 Broadway, for one: Abbr.

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Highway, bridge projects in the works

As summer approaches, drivers should check ahead for potential closures, construction areas

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

As state residents and visitors get on the road for summer travel, it's a good idea to consider what might be in store on Connecticut's highways and byways.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has identified nearly two dozen "major" highway and bridge construction projects, though several, such as the new dedicated northbound lane

at exit 29 on Interstate 91 for traffic to head east on the Charter Oak Bridge in Hartford, have been completed.

Others, such as the I-84 Hartford Project, are examining the condition of two miles of aging bridges between the Flatbush Avenue ramps and the I-91 interchange and other transportation needs.

But work continues on several projects this summer so drivers should check ahead for potential

lane issues and work areas. The DOT resource, a real time "CT Travel Smart" map, is at cttravelSMART.org/.

Some of the projects are, per the DOT:

I-84 improvements in West Hartford: Providing safety and operational improvements to address concerns with congestion and traffic operations on I-84. Improvements include adding an additional westbound lane between exits 39A and 43 and between exits 40 and 41 eastbound.

Bridges over Berkshire Road and Ridgewood Road westbound will

be widened or replaced.

Construction will be in three stages to affect traffic as little as possible. Major detours are scheduled to redirect traffic from April through October.

East Haddam Swing Bridge project: The \$58 million Route 82 bridge rehabilitation project involves steel repairs in all spans, mechanical and electrical system upgrades and operator house repairs. The project also calls for a cantilevered sidewalk to be added to the south side of the bridge and approach sidewalks built, as requested by the towns of East

Haddam and Haddam.

A swing span operation outage, where the bridge cannot open for tall marine traffic, is proposed from Dec. 1, 2023, until April 1, 2024, as electrical and mechanical system components are replaced. Construction is anticipated to start this summer and end in the fall of 2024.

Rochambeau Bridge reconstruction: The I-84 east- and westbound bridges over the Housatonic River in Newtown and Southbury have extra-wide shoulders, providing

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Attempt to halt mascot changes denied

Judge rejects effort by two residents to stop West Hartford moves

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — The matter of the West Hartford mascots isn't going away any time soon.

In the latest development of the ongoing saga, a Superior Court judge in Hartford on Friday denied two residents' request for a temporary injunction that sought to prevent West Hartford's two public high schools from moving forward with changing their mascots before a July 7 hearing.

The school board on Tuesday evening voted to change the mascots at Hall and Conard high schools from the Warriors and Chieftains to the Titans and Red Wolves, respectively.

In February, the school board voted to retire the Warriors and Chieftains mascots at the end of the year. For years, the mascots had come under scrutiny over whether they were culturally insensitive. The logos that included Native American imagery at both schools were scrapped in 2015, though the names had been allowed to continue until the vote in February.

Committees — composed of students, faculty, coaches and parents, among others — were established at both high schools to come up with new mascots, which were then presented to the school board by the schools' principals on Tuesday night.

On Monday, Scott Zweig, an attorney who has been a vocal opponent to changing the mascots and also sat on the committee to change the Hall mascot, filed a lawsuit along with resident Mary McGowan seeking to enjoin the school board from

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FACILITATING CONNECTIONS

A look at ways experts are addressing the youth mental health crisis in Connecticut

By Steve Hamm | Conn. Health I-Team

Carolina Serna's job as a care coordinator for Clifford Beers, a behavioral health care provider based in New Haven, puts her in the middle of today's mental health crisis for kids, teenagers and their families.

When Clifford Beers gets referrals for cases, Serna and other care coordinators become the face of the organization, helping children and families get the clinical care they need. But Serna and her colleagues do much more than that. In a sense, they're the bridge between troubled families and the rest of society.

Take one of the many tough situations Serna handled during the COVID-19 crisis: A young Hispanic mother in New Haven had just lost her job. Her husband left. She was pregnant. Her son faced behavioral health and disability issues. And she was being evicted from her apartment. The first thing Serna did was get the mom a lawyer. Then she reached out to the school and social service agencies for help.

"The mom didn't know how to connect, so I connected the family to the help they needed," says Serna, who is bilingual.

During the six months that Serna worked with the family, the eviction was stopped, the mom enrolled in a program for people reentering the workforce, and the son was placed in a school for kids with special needs and received the necessary counseling.

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Carolina Serna, a care coordinator for Clifford Beers, helps children and families get the clinical care that they need. In her work, she often links families to services to improve their overall well-being.

MELANIE STENGEL/CONN. HEALTH I-TEAM

Bank taps into population shift

M&T's multicultural branch shifts focus to racial, ethnic diversity

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

A bank branch in the center of downtown East Hartford was shuttered three years ago, an all too familiar casualty of yet another financial services merger.

But in September, the branch is expected to reopen under the ownership of M&T Bank, as the lender rolls out its first "multicultural" branch in Greater Hartford following its recent acquisition of Bridgeport-based People's United Bank.

Buffalo-based M&T says it has established 118 multicultural branches in the past three years. The branches include posters with images of particular cultures. Signs are in other languages, alongside English, and digital appointment scheduling offers different options to break down linguistic barriers.



Yohanny Marquez, a bilingual universal banker, at M&T Bank's multicultural branch in Brookfield. M&T BANK/COURTESY

In East Hartford, the predominant bilingual language will be Spanish.

"You would see bankers that are not only Hispanic but also speak Spanish fluently," David Femi, who heads M&T's multicultural banking team, said. "One of the things that we have done at the bank is to help our employees better serve

their customers but also be their authentic selves."

If an employee completes a language fluency assessment and works in a multicultural branch, there is a 10% pay premium, Femi said.

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Hartford students earn bilingual certifications

Those fluent in sign language, Ukrainian among the honorees

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Nicole Tirado and Mark Rokycky may be graduating from two different Hartford high schools this week, but they share a lot in common.

Both are headed to UConn this fall, with Tirado, the salutatorian of Weaver High's Class of 2022, set to major in biology, while Rokycky, a Wethersfield resident who is graduating from University High School of Science and Engineering, is entering the university's honors program.

Both are bilingual — Tirado in English and American Sign Language, Rokycky in Ukrainian and English — and have used their grasp on their respective languages to provide support for

their families, albeit in different degrees, when needed.

They both experienced hardships as a result of the communities they grew up in, only to emerge more resilient.

Both were among the 120 students who received the Connecticut State Seal of Bilingualism, which recognizes public high school graduates who have attained a level of proficiency in English and one or more other languages.

And both were among six students who were feted by the Board of Education recently for either being trilingual or, in Tirado's and Rokycky's cases, who were the first graduates of Hartford schools who were proficient in their respective languages outside of English.

For Daisy Torres, director of services for multilingual learners, the seal is a way to highlight

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M&T

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M&T bank tapped into the reality that the country’s multicultural communities had emerged as a key driver in the nation’s population growth and future job creation.

The approach also makes good business sense to continue building M&T’s consumer and small business banking base, especially in a market like Connecticut where it is not widely known.

“Building cultural fluency, at the end of the day, helps us be the bank of choice for our multicultural communities,” Femi said.

Femi said M&T is still evaluating future multicultural branch sites in Connecticut. But a community reinvestment plan required in the acquisition of People’s United calls for the addition of as many as 115 multicultural branches as part of a commitment to serving communities and people of color. People’s United’s branches operated in Connecticut and five other states.

Connecticut’s racial and ethnic diversity

The East Hartford branch will certainly plug a market hole in the town left by the shuttering of a People’s United branch in a now-closed Stop & Shop supermarket.

But the East Hartford location also makes demographic sense.

East Hartford has seen a dramatic shift in its population since the past three decades. In the early 1990s, the population was 80% white and 20% non-white.

Today, the distribution has reversed to 80% non-white and 20% white. Of the non-white population, about one-third are Hispanic, about 30% are Black, another 6% or so, Asian and the rest, a broad cross-section of immigrant groups, according to East Hartford Mayor Michael P. Walsh.

“This is a market that is looking for that type of customer service, whether it’s a different language, whether it be the subtleties that each culture brings to the table. I think it’s smart business on their part,” Walsh said.

Walsh said he already envisions how the town could work together with M&T. The town has created a business and economic development fund focused on women- and minority-owned businesses with American Rescue Plan Act funding.

“If there is any way we can complement each other, I’m looking for it,” Walsh said.

M&T said it also sees the East Hartford branch as becoming a “community hub” teaching budgeting, how to responsibly own a home and learn not only how to start a business but build it.

For decades, there have been banks that have been founded catering to specific ethnic communities in the United States.

In the 21st century, however, M&T joins a broad cross-section of more mainline corporations making it a priority to reach out to communities of color as well as the LGBTQ+ community.

“Having someone behind the counter that speaks Spanish would be a very, very big plus,” David Cadden, professor emeritus of entrepreneurship and strategy at Quinnipiac University, said. “With an ethnic, immigrant community, you have to get over the hurdle of people being concerned about putting money in banks. You’ve got to build trust.”

The need for more banks to establish a presence in ethnically-diverse neighborhoods and focus on the local community is being seen in neighboring Hartford.

In the city’s Upper Albany neighborhood, for example, there is just one bank and a credit union. The city is working to attract a bank to the development of a city-owned parcel at the corner of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street.

M&T Bank had 10 branches in Fairfield County, including one multicultural office in Brookfield, prior to acquiring People’s United.

Femi said Connecticut is fertile ground for its multicultural bank strategy, given its racial and ethnic diversity.

“We want to show up the way the people expect us to show up,” Femi said.

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enough room for traffic in both directions on one bridge while the other is reconstructed.

The nearly \$53 million project is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2023.

The rehabilitation of I-691: Resurfacing, bridge rehabilitation, lighting improvements, sign replacement, drainage upgrades and guiderail replacement. The project targets the poor condition and degradation of the roadway, makes critical repairs to the bridge and safety enhancements. This project’s limits begin near the Meriden Mall and MidState Medical Center area in Meriden and extends through Middlefield, Meriden, Southington and Cheshire.

Work on the first phase began in September and ended in November. The 2022 construction season will focus on the remaining half

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voting on the matter.

A Superior Court judge, prior to the school board’s meeting on Tuesday, denied issuing an injunction and instead set a virtual hearing for July 7.

Zweig and McGowan argue in their lawsuit — which names the West Hartford Board of Education, West Hartford Public Schools, Superintendent of Schools Tom Moore and Assistant Superintendent for Administration Andrew Morrow as defendants — that the school board violated a number of school policies and state and federal due process when it voted to end the use of the mascots.

Following Tuesday’s school board meeting, Zweig and McGowan filed another motion for a temporary injunction, this time seeking to bar the school district from making any changes to the mascots — including resurfacing gymnasium floors and repainting end zones, among other things — until the July 7 hearing.

Following subsequent legal filings from both parties, Judge

of eastbound and the first half of westbound improvements.

Substantial completion is expected in August 2023.

Route 7/15 Norwalk Project: The 7/15 Norwalk Project is an initiative to provide the missing connections between routes 7 and 15, which is the Merritt Parkway. Its intent is to improve mobility and safety at the Main Avenue and Route 7 interchanges on the Merritt Parkway. The project’s schedule extends to 2025.

The current Route 7/Route 15, or Merritt Parkway, is a partial interchange. Missing connections include Route 7 North to the Merritt Parkway North, Merritt Parkway South to Route 7 South. The missing connections cause traffic congestion and delays on Main Avenue and other local roads.

Stamford Railroad Station parking garage: The project calls for a 928-space, seven-level parking garage on South State Street in

Susan Quinn Cobb denied Zweig and McGowan’s request for a temporary injunction.

Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge issued the following statement on Saturday:

“We are pleased that the Court denied Attorney Scott Zweig’s application for an ex parte injunction, but it is unfortunate that Attorney Zweig continues to stoke the flames of division over mascot names and refuses to allow the community to move beyond this contentious issue. While we hope he will consider withdrawing his lawsuit, the Board stands ready to continue defending its actions in Court if necessary.”

Zweig, meanwhile, said he has no intention of withdrawing the lawsuit unless the town is willing to put the matter to a referendum to residents.

“Let the people decide whether the names should be changed,” Zweig said in a telephone interview Saturday. “I don’t object to the board’s rights to change the teams’ names. I object to the process they undertook, which was flawed from the very beginning.”

Zweig elaborated further in an email.

“Mary and I filed this lawsuit on

Stamford and a 320-foot pedestrian bridge over Washington Boulevard connecting the garage to the Stamford Transportation Center.

It includes elevators and stairs connecting the garage to the track 5 platform, 38 electric vehicle parking spaces, 100 bike parking spaces, pedestrian crossing improvements at South State Street and Washington Boulevard and connection to the planned Mill River Greenway.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 2023.

Route 8/I-84 Mixmaster at Waterbury: The \$153 million project includes rehabilitating numerous bridges within the Route 8 and I-84 Interchange to preserve and provide a 25-year service life and assure structural integrity. The project calls for deck repairs and replacements, steel repairs, substructure repairs, joint repairs and other general repairs.

A bypass of three temporary bridges was built to carry Route

behalf of thousands of current and former residents and alumni who feel disrespected by the change,” he said. “While Dodge, a Conard graduate, may not feel the same way, he cannot deny the people their rights to participate in the process or express their concerns. Ever since this change was first proposed in December, I have been working with a dedicated group of advocates to prevent it ...

“Dodge speaks of disrespect as if it only goes in one direction. He fails to mention the overwhelming number of students, parents, teachers and coaches who support keeping the names. However, the Board, an educational body, chose to ignore those individuals simply because they did not agree with them. That is true disrespect.”

He added that the school board ignored the students’ initial input on the matter, with more than 60% of students in both schools, responding to a survey by the school board’s student representatives, calling for the mascots to remain unchanged.

“The Board asked for their feedback, then chose to ignore it when it did not yield the desired results,” Zweig said.

8 northbound traffic through the interchange. This bypass will be in effect for three years.

The date of completion was originally Sept. 10, 2022, but is now set at June 2023.

A significant amount of deterioration was found on the bridges that carry Route 8 through the interchange, requiring full deck replacements for Route 8 northbound and Route 8 southbound.

Another upcoming “major” project, for which construction funds have not yet been identified or allocated, is the I-84 Danbury Project, which is intended to improve safety, increase capacity and improve operations and access between exits 3 and 8 in Danbury.

The Department of Transportation cites congestion along the eight-mile stretch of the highway and is the agency’s highest priority for expanded capacity on the I-84 corridor west of Waterbury. State funding of \$17.5 million is earmarked for planning, preliminary engineering and other requirements.

The school board, Zweig added, also pegged its decision on educational impact because Native American mascots have been increasingly deemed culturally insensitive.

But the chief of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, one of Connecticut’s five recognized tribal nations, attended a school board meeting and spoke in favor of keeping the names, Zweig said.

The school board chose to ignore that input because it didn’t agree with their intended outcome, Zweig said.

Zweig said in addition to the lawsuit, he is seeking to gather enough signatures on a petition — he says he needs about 3,000, of which he has 1,700 to 1,800 — to have the matter ultimately put forth to a referendum.

Zweig noted that town officials could dispute whether school mascots are matters to be put forth to a referendum.

“We believe we’re entitled to a referendum if we get the signatures,” Zweig said. “This is about fairness. We all want to be treated fairly. We all want to be listened to. The petition and the lawsuit are the only way we will be listened to.”

Health

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Across the nation, the number of adolescents reporting poor mental health is increasing. A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2021 survey released in March showed that 37% of high school students experienced poor mental health during the pandemic and 44% said they persistently felt sad or hopeless during the previous year.

Separation from school and friends, the threat of becoming seriously ill and family stresses — including lost jobs and income — sent kids to hospital emergency departments in record numbers. Other social stresses fuel crises, including domestic violence, gun violence and racism. The pain is most acute in disadvantaged communities.

“Many of my patients were at home doing virtual school, but they were also tasked with taking care of the younger kids because their parents are essential workers. The kids were overwhelmed,” says Dr. Deepa Camenga, an associate professor of emergency medicine at Yale School of Medicine.

The nation’s patchwork health care system isn’t built to handle this kind of crisis. There aren’t nearly enough behavioral health caregivers and facilities to address demands for service, especially for poor people, says Dr. Andrew Ulrich, who is in charge of the emergency departments at Yale New Haven Health’s hospitals in New Haven. In addition, says Alice M. Forrester, CEO at Clifford Beers, Medicaid reimbursement levels don’t even cover the basic costs of the care organizations like hers provide, forcing them to depend on philanthropy to make ends meet.

The Connecticut General Assembly made a down payment on addressing some of these issues this session when it passed bills, which the governor signed into law recently, that expanded mobile crisis programs throughout the state and created grant programs to hire more school-based counselors.

Despite the depth of the crisis and dearth of funding, there is a glimmer of hope. In communities across the state, groups are collaborating and experimenting with innovative approaches to improving health and well-being. One example is how Serna of Clifford Beers helped the New Haven woman and her children. The idea is that when the social determinants of health are considered and community resources are coordinated, the well-being of individuals and entire communities can improve. The approach also involves families and neighborhood organizations in decisions affecting them.

Ultimately, these experiments could change how our society thinks about and delivers health



Rick Brush, the CEO of Wellville, supports the coordinated work being done in north Hartford neighborhoods to bring together residents and community organizations to improve the quality of life **CONN. HEALTH I-TEAM**

care. Following this model, health care and social service organizations aren’t competing with one another or operating in isolation but are working together to achieve common aims. “We’re shifting from short-term self-interest to long-term shared interest,” says Rick Brush, the CEO of Wellville, a national nonprofit health advisory group that assists local collaboratives in five U.S. communities, including north Hartford neighborhoods.

The community-health-collaboration idea is taking hold in Connecticut. Just before the pandemic, Connecticut’s Office of Health Strategy launched its Health Enhancement Community initiative. So far, nine HECs have been established across the state. All are focused on community-led collaborations aimed at addressing social, economic and physical conditions to improve general well-being. OHS is also encouraging the HECs to change the incentives in the health care system — from pay-for-service to paying for better health outcomes. “Our strategy is around driving community-directed and community-led initiatives to address specific needs in each community, reducing disparities and ensuring communities are engaged for the long game,” says Victoria Veltri, OHS executive director.

In Hartford, for instance, an HEC was organized under the auspices of the North Hartford Triple Aim Collaborative, whose goal is to improve individual and community health while lowering health care costs. The group includes representatives from the city of Hartford, the United Way, Trinity Health, Connecticut Children’s and Hartford Hospital, but it also invites community organizations and individuals to the table.

In addition, Connecticut Children’s has partnered with the city of Hartford, Hartford Public Schools and other organizations to develop a signature new project, the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline.

They landed a \$30 million federal grant to be matched by local contributions that will fund an array of interlocking services to improve

the well-being of young people from prenatal into young adulthood. “The key is getting to children and supporting families early,” says Dr. Paul H. Dworkin, director of Connecticut Children’s Office for Community Child Health. “That way, we can achieve much better outcomes for these children as they grow to be adolescents and adults.”

Community health innovators in Connecticut aren’t shy about adopting and adapting approaches that have been piloted elsewhere. For instance, the community outreach program at Clifford Beers is based on the Wrap-Around Milwaukee model for coordinating social and health care services.

Clifford Beers plans to take its community engagement to another level with a resilience center it hopes to locate in New Haven’s Newhallville neighborhood, offering early childhood services, mental health programs, after-school programs, and community health and disease prevention activities.

Health experts say the closer these coordinated service programs get to neighborhoods and families — really listening to what people want rather than dictating to them — the more likely they will have positive effects.

When Cynthia Cruz, a bilingual coordinator serving the communities of northwest Connecticut for Wellmore Behavioral Health, gets assigned to a new youth behavioral health case, the first thing she does is visit the family in their home.

They discuss what’s going on and what they would like changed. Her program only lasts six months, so she also reaches out to others in the community to see if they can help on a longer-term basis, including pastors, sports coaches and extended family members. Wellmore refers to these human networks as “natural resources.”

Cruz recalls one situation involving a boy and his family in the far northwest corner of the state. Earlier in the COVID crisis, the boy had retreated to his room and spent much of his time playing video games. He withdrew from his family,

barely talking to his mother. During sit-downs with the family, Cruz learned that the boy loved to watch football on TV, but he didn’t play the game. So, in addition to finding a counselor for him, she recruited his uncle to toss a football around with him once a week. That broke the ice. She got the family a membership at the local YMCA. The boy began socializing with other people. He and his mom reconciled. “You know what they say,” says Cruz. “It takes a village to raise a child.”

A program launched by a team at Yale’s Child Study Center, Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions, puts parents at the center of their offspring’s care. Clinicians train parents to deal directly with children who have anxiety disorders, rather than depending on professional therapy sessions.

“There are young people who can’t or won’t engage with cognitive therapy, so we were driven to find another tool,” says Eli R. Lebowitz, an associate professor at the Child Study Center whose team developed the technique. Their approach has been adopted by therapists worldwide and really took off after Lebowitz published a best-selling book in 2021 about it, “Breaking Free of Child Anxiety and OCD.”

In one of Lebowitz’s cases, a 12-year-old Milford girl had developed such severe anxiety that she would not speak to anyone outside her home. Lebowitz helped the parents understand they were hampering her recovery by speaking for her in such situations. They changed their behavior, which gradually led to their daughter regaining confidence and speaking for herself once again.

COVID triggered the youth behavioral health crisis, but it has also encouraged innovative approaches that could help address the problems young people face going forward.

“It has been a deep, deep couple of years, and, for the clinic, it has been in some ways revolutionary,” says Forrester of Clifford Beers. “We have emphasized the outreach work in the communities. Now we’re seeing the aftereffects, and we know what needs to be done.”

To connect with the Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program at the Yale Child Study Center, where free care is available in certain circumstances, call (203) 737-4644.

Information on Wellmore is available at wellmore.org.

You can reach Clifford Beers, which is changing its name to Clifford Beers Community Care Center on July 1, at cliffordbeersccc.org.

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the rich diversity in Hartford public schools, which have more than 85 different languages spoken in them by students.

“We are very much in support of language learning in Hartford public schools,” Torres said. “[Superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez] is in full support of that. ... We know our students after school may go into the military, they may go to college, they may go into the workforce, but this seal, which goes on their high school diploma and their transcript, will also set them apart in terms of global literacy and being able to compete in a very competitive job market. These skills and this honor is setting them up for success in whatever path they choose.”

Students receive the seal by first meeting the high school graduation requirements for English, and then, through a state-approved assessment, demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English, Torres said.

So far, more than 400 Hartford students have received the State Seal of Biliteracy in the four years the district has been a part of the program.

It’s something near and dear to Torres, a former world language teacher and a bilingual educator who first spoke English and then became biliterate in Spanish when she was in college.

“It’s always been a passion of mine that our students graduate with those skills,” she said.

‘I’m just so proud if it’

Growing up with parents who are hard of hearing, Tirado, learned to sign words before she knew how to speak them.

She’s been signing for so long that she processes words in American Sign Language and vocally in English pretty much at the same time.

“Typically when I speak to someone, I speak with my hands as well,” she said. “So I kind of tie in sign language with my natural speaking. It’s muscle memory for me.”

Tirado, who is not hard of hearing, has served as a conduit for her parents to help navigate their surroundings, something that led to some teasing from her peers when she was growing up.

“I did get some negative feedback growing up because some people don’t understand how the deaf and hard-of-hearing world works,” she said. “When you’re deaf, you’re not able to hear all the vocal sounds so you have to make it yourself. So that’s why some people made fun of my parents for the way that they spoke, and I would always translate for them.

“I kind of brushed it off because they don’t understand, because it’s normal for me. I grew up around the deaf community so I was able to see their struggles.”

There were other challenges as well, including English’s ever-morphing lexicon.

“Sometimes it will get frustrating because now the English language is changing with words that need to be spoken,” she said. “So some of those words are hard to translate because those words are not words in sign language.”

But Tirado is thrilled with having earned the state seal, as she believes it will raise awareness for the often insular deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

“I’m just so proud of it,” she said. “I feel like I’m able to speak up for the deaf community because it’s very small. I always want to be able to get them recognized for what they need, not just as being disabled. My parents and I, we don’t think it’s a disability. We think it’s a strength.”

‘It’s been really challenging’

Rokycky, whose mother and her parents emigrated to the U.S. from Ukraine, has been steeped in the Ukrainian community in Greater Hartford since he was little, including attending Ukrainian Saturday school for 13 years and joining the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization.

Russia’s recent full invasion of Ukraine, which is part of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s effort to reunite the old Soviet Union, has roiled Rokycky’s family in Connecticut and abroad.

Rokycky said he checks social media and other sites frequently throughout the day for updates on the war.

“For our family it’s been really challenging,” he said. “I have over 50 relatives in Ukraine. ... I’m constantly looking at updates, on Twitter or whatever. ... Putin does not believe in Ukraine’s right to independence. So his full frontal invasion of Ukraine is just a tragic escalation of a conflict that started a long time ago.”

Some of his family members were accepted into the U.S. through Uniting for Ukraine.

It’s a far cry from the summer of 2019 when he and his family traveled to Ukraine for three weeks and he helped interpret a bit for his family.

“I was able to communicate with my relatives there, but also with others when we toured the country,” Rokycky said. “I was able to understand what was going on and actually talk to people on the street or on the train or on the plane that we took. It was really an incredible experience.”

Rokycky says he may ultimately study law, with an eye toward holding public office, though he may also focus on business as well. He also appreciates the significance of receiving the Seal of Biliteracy.

“It’s an honor to be the first person certified as proficient in Ukrainian in Hartford Public Schools,” he said. “I wish it were under better circumstances.”

Glass meets Beethoven at last Masterworks concert of season

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Minimalism meets maximalism at the final Masterworks concert of the 2021-22 season. It’s a double feature of Philip Glass’ “Concerto for Saxophone Quartet” and Beethoven’s “Choral” Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125. The remaining performance Sunday at 3 p.m. is sold out.

Neither piece represents an extreme for its composer. Glass’ use of a saxophone quartet allows for a jazzy freedom that his more rigid piano-rooted works can’t come close to, and as outrageous as Beethoven’s 9th may get, this is the guy who wrote “The Battle Symphony,” which fires a cannon and muskets. Both works are standards that deserve to be heard live, and they have more in common than you might imagine.

Resonance, for instance. Get ready to rumble. This concert is as defined by vibrations and reverberations as it is by the precision of the playing. Glass’ concerto is marked, as most minimalist orchestra pieces are, by the ethereal thrum that rises when so many instruments are playing the same thing at the same time, and it’s augmented in this case by the mighty pulsations of confidently wielded saxophones. The Beethoven is just plain loud and busy, the strings and the brass and the singing creating an almighty dynamic din.

Glass’ “Concerto for Saxophone Quartet” was only written in 1995 but has practically become a standard. It’s performed here the Resurgam Quartet, a hardy group of Hartt School grads dedicated to classical saxophone compositions (including some they’ve commissioned themselves). They play with charm, enthusiasm and a welcome cheeriness, swaying with the metronomic Glass beats.

The concerto is played at a relatively speedy pace. It’s not measured and contemplative like many of the composer’s chamber works. It’s vibrant and human and rich, not tinny or creepy or bleak (in case you only know Glass from his score for the horror film “Candyman”). He sets deliberate challenges for the saxophonists, and the Resurgam Quartet — Harrison Kliewe on soprano sax, Colette Hall on alto, Sean Tanguay on tenor and Michael Raposo on baritone — maneuvers them with gusto. The solos are constrained on purpose. It’s hard to hear a saxophone and not expect it to start improvising a long improvised bebop solo. Glass plays around with that expectation.

There are many fascinating quirks in this concerto. There’s a section where the saxes play a sweet melody while the orchestra makes a thudding wind-down sound as if it’s being unplugged. The effect is not soothing, but not jarring either. The experimentation can be illuminating, and guest conductor Adam Boyles is sharp at illuminating the details.

Boyles has a punchy, arms-straight-out, sweeping style that really comes into play with Beethoven’s 9th. It takes some grand gestures to contain such a bear of a symphony, and Boyles makes it rousing and overpowering from the first notes. The piece can get so big and booming that when the occasional quiet melody breaks through you almost giggle. The audience buys into the bombast easily. There were a lot of bobbing heads in the Bushnell audience when the very well known 2nd movement began. The 9th symphony has been used in movies ranging from “A Clockwork Orange” to “Ace Ventura: Pet Detective,” so it’s well-known far beyond classical circles.

Beethoven’s 9th is a battleship of a symphony. It’s so bombastic, so brazen, so familiar and so intimidating that you’d think anything sharing a stage with it would barely get noticed. But place Philip Glass against it and you learn something about both composers. Glass removes a lot of elements from the orchestra, like brass and most of the percussion, so he can focus on the sax soloists. Beethoven works a full orchestra and adds a chorale of dozens of voices, all in the service of the symphony and not rising or falling on any player. Both pieces build expertly in strength and power. Both reverberate and buzz and bring the noise. Each, in its own way, is breathtakingly beautiful, yet also bold and brazen.

The programming and the playing has been reliably superb, but the Masterworks season has had its share of unsteadiness. Back in the fall everyone was wearing masks and showing vaccination cards at the door. Now, the orchestra still wears masks but less than half the audience bothers to, despite the number of COVID-19 cases still being rather alarming. Other current issues are added to the mix, like a fundraising table for donations to Ukraine. Attendance is noticeably higher: the Sunday matinee of this concert is sold out, and subscribers who may have sat a few shows out are putting their tickets to use again. In terms of getting through the season, a couple of weeks ago the symphony was able to present the Masterworks “New World” concert it had to postpone in January.

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra shifts to summer programming now, with a month of weekly Talcott Mountain Music Series classical pops shows at the Simsbury Center for the Performing Arts in July.

The Glass/Beethoven is a fitting close to a Masterworks season of intriguing juxtapositions and enlightening, uplifting performances. The continuing vibrations of this concert should hold us nicely until the next Masterworks season kicks off in the fall.

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The lucky class of 2022

Members of the college class of 2022 may not consider themselves lucky. After all, COVID-19 robbed many of them of the complete college experience. Perhaps their reward for the start and stop of in-person/remote/hybrid education is to graduate in one of the hottest job markets in decades. Job openings remain high, the unemployment rate is low and, according to a National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) survey, employers expect a projected hiring increase of 26.6% for new graduates, compared to a year ago.

Compared to those who have the unfortunate timing of graduating into a recession (ask the class of 2020 about their ill-fated timing), the class of 2022 are indeed lucky, with an average starting salary of \$55,260. (Computer science majors will do better, with a projected average salary age of \$75,900, while humanities will clock in with an average of \$50,681.) Those starting numbers make the conversation about repayment of student loans a bit easier to swallow.

Education experts have long advised that student loan borrowers attempt to graduate with a total debt balance that is lower than a graduate's first year salary. By the numbers, the situation looks better, on average, than it has in the past.

According to the Education Data Initiative, the average federal student loan debt balance is \$37,014 and, including private loan debt, it increases to be \$40,904. Of course, average is just average and with total student loans outstanding at \$1.76 trillion, there are much higher loan balances.

Meanwhile, with federal student loan payments on pause since March 2020 and due to restart on Sept. 1, many recent and soon-to-be graduates are hoping that the Biden administration announces plans about student loan cancellation.

It is highly unlikely that there will be a wholesale erasure of debt, but there are whispers that there could be partial forgiveness, likely some amount in the range of \$10,000 to \$20,000 for low- and middle-income borrowers who earn less than \$125,000 a year. Early discussions have been focused on undergraduate debt, but that could change, especially for students who use their degrees for careers in public service (such as teachers).

Until there is a formal announcement from the White House, it would be wise for student borrowers to prepare to make payments. In fact, regardless of whether you are graduating with debt or not, now is the time to create a financial plan of action, starting with a simple cash flow. Surveys from the CFP Board and Intuit have found that about 60-65% of adults don't track expenses, but this task can be the key to controlling your financial life.

Start with salary — and don't forget to reduce it to reflect taxes to Uncle Sam and your state of residence. Your take-home income will determine how much money you can afford to allocate to your expenses, like rent, food, commuting costs, utilities and, of course, your debt.

Prioritize outstanding debt by creating a list of each loan (student, credit card, auto) and include details like the interest rates associated with the loans, monthly payment amounts due and lender contact information. When creating the cash flow, give priority to paying down the highest interest loans and then work your way down to the lower interest ones. Automate debt payments to avoid penalties.

Whether you are carrying debt or not, use your cash flow to help fund an emergency reserve fund of six to 12 months of living expenses and to contribute to a retirement account, especially if you work for a company that provides a match. Doing so early will likely make you feel even luckier down the road.

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Avoid these 5 habits that can slowly chip away at your productivity



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Banish burnout

By Elizabeth Grace Saunders
Fast Company

You roll over and hope that the incessant sound of your alarm will shut off. It does, but only for five minutes until it reminds you once again that it's a work day and, yes, getting up is required.

As you drag yourself to the coffee pot, you wonder: What happened? You used to feel fresh and eager at the start of a work day, and now you feel like a college student struggling to get yourself to an 8 a.m. class.

If this describes you most mornings, you may be struggling with burnout. As a time management coach, I often have people come to me in this situation. This gives me the opportunity to see what's causing their feelings of perpetual fatigue and to help guide them on the process of restoration.

Many factors contribute to burnout, but here are five bad habits that could be barreling you toward burnout and what you can do to turn your situation around.

1. Saying yes in every circumstance

Part of the reason you could have the I-don't-want-to-do-anything attitude toward work is that you could have too many responsibilities. This could happen because you say yes too often or volunteer for tasks — even though you don't have the time.

To remedy this situation, you'll need to get clear on how much you can actually handle.

I recommend doing this through daily and weekly planning, where you decide on your priorities and place them in open times in your calendar. If you can't find time on your calendar to do what you need to do, you'll need to start dropping or reducing certain responsibilities until everything can fit. And if you're already at max capacity, don't take on anything more until you can get some things off your plate.

This may mean that you need to block "focused time" on your schedule, let people know that you don't have the capacity to do certain tasks, or at least tell them that you'll need a few days — or even weeks — to get items done.

2. Working right until bedtime

Ideally, you'll wrap up work before dinner and have the whole evening free for eating, spending time with friends or family, exercising or simply chilling. But sometimes — or in the case of burnt-out people a lot of times — you're working a second shift in the evening.

If you fall into that category, I recommend that you set a cut-off point for when you get off of your computer. That way you have enough time between when you stop working and when you lay down in bed for your mind to calm and unwind.

At minimum, this should be 30 minutes. But ideally an hour or more. Not only will you feel less burnt out because you got some personal time in the evening, but research shows transitioning earlier will help you to fall asleep faster, have better sleep quality and improve your attentiveness the next day.

3. Taking no days off

Longer periods of time off for vacation can definitely help to reduce feelings of fatigue, especially if it's a companywide vacation.

But what I've seen with people struggling with burnout is often they're not even taking any days off on the weekend — they're literally attempting to work seven days a week. Or if they don't actually pull out their laptops, they're at least mentally carrying the load of thinking about work all the time.

If you're feeling a constant grind, I recommend that you take at least one day a week where you don't allow yourself to work at all: no meetings, no project work, no email checking, no messaging, no nothing related to your job. Tell yourself in advance this is a work-free zone and stick to it. Although technically, you'll get less work done that day, over the course of a week you can actually get more done because you're not so fried.

4. Doing everything yourself

There are some activities that you can truly only do for yourself like sleep, exercise or making important decisions for which you're directly responsible. But

there are many tasks where you could ask others to do them or at least get some support on the overall goal.

For example, maybe you're putting on a big event for work, and you could ask some team members to help with sending out the invites and picking up the decorations.

Or maybe you're working on a presentation, and someone else could help with formatting your PowerPoints once you've got the content in place. Or maybe you're stuck on how to solve a challenging management problem, and you need to talk the situation through with someone from your HR department.

You don't have to do everything by yourself. Asking others for support not only saves you time, but also leads to a positive emotional state that can elevate you out of the cynicism associated with burnout.

5. Skipping out on fun

I was recently working with a coaching client, and she confessed that she felt guilty about the idea of taking time to be with her friends even once a week.

Yes, spending an evening socializing would be less time to work. But the net benefit in terms of overall happiness, health and productivity by investing in an activity that gives her immense joy would outweigh the potential few extra productive hours.

The issue is that when you skip out on what you find really fun — whether it's time with friends, exercising, playing with your dog, spending time with your kids, doing a craft or simply being outside in nature — you end up taking breaks anyway but on activities that aren't nearly as refreshing, such as scrolling on your phone.

Fun isn't the thing that you do once you get 100% done with work, which is unlikely to happen because it keeps coming. Fun is what you do that helps fuel you to have the energy to get all the work done.

Burnout is a multi-faceted issue, so I can't promise that if you break all these bad habits, you'll spring out of bed every morning.

But if you employ these strategies, you'll greatly enhance your chances of feeling energized, motivated and capable of accomplishing your goals for each day.



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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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READER QUESTIONS: Survivor benefits and cashing in life insurance



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

Q: If I cash in my life insurance policy, will I have to pay taxes on the proceeds?
A: If you do cash in the policy, if the proceeds are greater than the premiums you paid, then the amount greater than the premiums will be taxable. However, you may want to consider a “life settlement.” If you are eligible for a life settlement, you will likely receive more back than if you simply cash in the policy with the issuer.

If you are 65 or older, the face amount of the policy is \$100,000 or more, and your health status has changed, you might be able to receive a life settlement. You can call Coventry Direct at 1-800-268-3687 to see if you are eligible. The income tax situation would be the same; what is taxable is the amount you receive that is greater than your premiums.

I recommend that you read the FINRA article on the subject: “Seniors Beware, What You Should Know about Life Settlements.” (FINRA — the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority — is a government-authorized nonprofit organization that oversees U.S. broker-dealers.)

Q: If I purchase an I bond and I die before the bond matures, will the interest accrued be taxable immediately?
A: The interest accrued will be taxable whenever the bond is redeemed. If you named a beneficiary, the beneficiary will have the option of redeeming the bond whenever he/she chooses. If no beneficiary is named, your executor would be responsible for seeing that tax for the accrued interest would be paid on the required tax return. At TreasuryDirect.gov, the U.S. Treasury website, there is a detailed discussion of the actions required based on the various ownership options selected after death.

Q: My husband died recently. I am 62. I assumed that I would be eligible for a survivor benefit, but the Social Security representative I spoke to said that my income was too high, and I am not eligible. Is that correct? I am still working. Will a survivor benefit impact the benefit I receive based on my work record?
A: Because you are 60 or older, you are eligible for a survivor benefit. If your



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income from work is \$19,560 or lower in 2022, your survivor benefit is not reduced. If you earn more than that amount, then Social Security will reduce your survivor benefit by 50% of the amount above \$19,560. So, for example, if you earn \$24,560 in 2022, your survivor benefit would be reduced by \$2,500.

Once you reach your full retirement age (67), then you can earn an unlimited amount from your employment and you will not be penalized; you would be entitled to the full amount of your survivor benefit. The survivor benefit you are entitled to is based on your age. At age 60, a widow(er) is entitled to 71.5% of the deceased spouse’s full benefit amount at his/her full retirement age. Between age 60 and full retirement age, the benefit is prorated. When you reach your full retirement age, you will be entitled to 100% of your husband’s full benefit amount.

Regarding your second question, a survivor benefit is independent from the benefit you are entitled to based on your work record. This means that after you file for a survivor benefit, and receive it, you can file later for a benefit based on your work record.

You are only eligible to receive whichever amount is higher: the survivor benefit or the benefit based on your work record. However, after you reach your full retirement age, you can postpone filing for the benefit based on your work record (even if you are no longer working), and your benefit would increase 8% per year up to age 70.

So, it is possible that your benefit based on your work record would be lower than your survivor benefit, but at age 70, that benefit could be higher than your survivor benefit.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

Many high-income Americans are living paycheck to paycheck

By Sam Becker | Fast Company

What would you do with \$250,000 per year?

The typical American family, which earns a median household income of \$67,000 per year, would likely be able to put that type of earning potential to serious use by paying down debt, padding their savings and investments, and maybe taking a vacation. But for millions of high-earning households, the answer is evidently “simply make ends meet.”

As many as 61% of U.S. consumers were living paycheck to paycheck as of April, according to a joint study from PYMNTS and LendingClub (the latest in the monthly “Paycheck-To-Paycheck” series), which surveyed more than 4,000 people in the U.S. in early April. That’s an increase from 52% in April 2021.

But perhaps the most surprising takeaway from the study is this: 36% of consumers earning more than \$250,000 per year live paycheck to paycheck. Further, 42% of consumers earning more than \$100,000 per year are doing the same. The report does note that living paycheck to paycheck doesn’t necessarily mean that these households are struggling. It even categorizes these consumers into two categories: those who can pay

their bills easily, and those who can’t. It’s also worth taking into consideration that many people may be contributing significant amounts of money to retirement plans or other accounts before it even hits their bank accounts, making it feel or appear that they’re bringing in less than they are.

However, with all of that in mind, some experts aren’t shocked by those figures. “It’s not surprising to me,” says Robert Fortune, a financial advisor at New York-based Fortune Advisory Services. “Back in the day, there was what we used to call ‘living within your means,’ and that’s gone away. If you make money nowadays, many people think that they need to show it.”

Fortune adds that social media is fueling a “keep up with the Joneses” mentality, and that the ability to spend money quickly and often mindlessly — by ordering takeout using apps like Uber Eats, or making one-click purchases on websites like Amazon — are eating up a bigger percentage of many budgets than people anticipate.

Those types of habits don’t disappear as people make more money, either, which can lead to what’s often called “lifestyle creep” — a phenomenon that occurs when an individual’s standard of living increases along with their income. There



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are many other factors to consider, too. For instance, many high-paying jobs tend to be clustered in cities with very high costs of living, such as New York City or San Francisco. And, obviously, inflation is playing a role in tightening the financial vises on many families.

Still, Fortune says that high-earners — and most anyone, in fact — should be able to relieve some financial pressure by getting back to basics. Specifically, he says that people need to take a realistic look at their finances and create a plan.

“You need to look at what you’re earning, [consider] what your financial goals are and create a budget,” he says. “It’s really just getting a handle on how you’re spending your money.”



Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

No time like the present to get a job

The economy is still growing nicely and more people have joined or rejoined the labor force, with nearly 400,000 new jobs added in the most recent month. One — or even two — of those jobs should be yours.

With daily consumer costs rising and the stock market falling, retirees suddenly realize their plans could be upended. Younger families see the cost of food and fuel taking a bigger bite out of each paycheck, causing them to make trade-offs in spending.

Yes, wages are rising at a 5.2% annual rate, according to the most recent jobs report. But that isn’t enough to keep up with inflation, which hits fixed-income people harder. So it’s time to “fix your income” while — as my grandmother used to say — “the fixing is good.”

There are still jobs going begging — and employers begging for help. Restaurants have empty tables, but people must wait in line because they don’t have servers. Try to get someone to do home repairs; they’re all busy building new houses. And it takes much higher wages to attract people in service jobs like policing, nursing and teaching.

The pandemic made people question the value of work, when life and safety were at stake. Many could work distantly, but others lost jobs in the physical world and decided to “retire early.” Stimulus payments cushioned the impact of those decisions. Others lost jobs not by choice.

Today the demand for workers exists in almost every segment of the economy. But these golden days might not last forever. As the Federal Reserve raises interest rates to slow the economy, jobs will stop being plentiful. Savings will start running out. And inflation will diminish their buying power.

Many seniors have already gotten the message that retirement plans need to be re-examined. The pandemic spurred baby boomers to leave work in the so-called Great Retirement. But now a growing number of boomers have “un-retired” since the summer of 2021, according to a report on CNBC. As of April 2022, 3.3% of people who were retired a year earlier became employed — meaning about 1.7 million people have come out of retirement over that time, the study found.

It’s easier to find a job — full or part time — as a recent retiree than it will be if you wait until you’re running out of money in 10 years. Many employers will hire you as a temporary or contract worker, since that means you get a 1099 and they don’t have to pay associated benefits. It works for all.

AARP has a “pledge” section on its website, listing companies who have promised to “affirm the value of experienced workers.” And at FlexJobs.com, searchers can find jobs specifically looking for experienced, older workers. Many have become so-called “boomerang” employees — headed back to work at their previous employer, but on a free-lance, flexible basis.

Younger workers have experienced the freedom of work from home. Some miss the office setting with friends, while others appreciate the flexibility of getting the job done on their own schedule. But that’s missing the point of the current environment. Whether you fill in empty hours by being a server in a restaurant or getting a weekend job, now is the time to make extra money — and save it.

The prospects of a long, lazy summer have encouraged many people to procrastinate on a search for a second job or even a more demanding but better-paying first job. In hindsight, they will look back on this as a missed golden opportunity.

It’s been almost 15 years since we’ve lived through a prolonged recession, with job loss and anxiety. (The 2020 collapse doesn’t count because it was cushioned by generous unemployment benefits.)

The Fed must fight inflation since it is a tax that is particularly cruel to seniors and those in low-paying jobs. They will always fall behind in inflationary times. But their task may be painful. We all hope that the Fed can engineer a “soft landing” without a stock market crash or a job-busting recession. But it’s best to prepare now, just in case. And that’s The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four bestselling books. She responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

4 ways to boost employee productivity in the summer months

In a survey of 600 American workers, 45 percent reported being more distracted over the summer, and studies find that attendance drops by 20 percent. Ensure that the jobs your employees are performing have these five characteristics.



Task autonomy

Provide employees with flexibility and independence to do their job. This helps provide a sense of ownership, which can lead to higher quality work. Employees who have supervisors who encourage them to take initiative tend to report higher levels of job satisfaction and psychological well-being, relative to employees who work with employers with a controlling style.



Task Identity

Help employees understand how the work they’re doing contributes to a larger whole. Just as some people are motivated to complete a puzzle when they’re able to see the artwork (end goal) they’re working toward, employees may derive greater satisfaction from their work when they understand how it fits into the bigger picture.



Task Variety

Provide employees with tasks that allow them to use a variety of skills. Such tasks can not only help employees apply and strengthen their skills, but also keep them engaged (and avoid monotony). As the German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer noted, “The two enemies of human happiness [and I’d add, motivation] are pain and boredom.”



Timely Feedback

Provide employees with frequent feedback (not necessarily daily, but certainly more often than the annual performance evaluation). This will help them know how they’re doing and gain an understanding of the areas that need improvement, as well as the areas in which they’re doing well. This type of balanced feedback can increase employees’ motivation and self-efficacy.

SOURCE: Angélica S. Gutiérrez, Inc.

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Avon
Christine Greif
Walter F. Kelly

Berlin
Peter Paul
Bartlewski Jr.
Diana K. Kemper

Bloomfield
Harold C.
Buckingham, Jr.
Antoinette M. Debarbieri
Gale H. Deming
Dwight T. Wall

Bristol
Carla J. Perry
Anthony Venturo

Burlington
Louis Lebelles

Canton
Francis L. Colwell
Walter F. Kelly
Louis Lebelles

Cromwell
Doris V Schick

East Granby
Udo Ernst

East Hartford
Charles E. Kepler
Barbara Morkan
Mark J. Mullooly

Ellington
Gordon & C. Tiziani

Glastonbury
Harold C.
Buckingham, Jr.
Doris V Schick

Hartford
Gladys M Anderson
Robert L. Chavies
Regina Jackmauh
Marian Protasewich
Joseph Rossitto

Manchester
Doris Adler
Charles E. Kepler
Marian Protasewich
Richard Thorpe Jr

Middletown
Bernadette Kielb

New Britain
Peter Paul
Bartlewski Jr.
Bernadette Kielb
Jeffrey E. Pearson

Newington
William F. Addis
Jeannine Kallberg
Jeffrey E. Pearson
Joseph Rossitto
Jeannette D. Woods

Old Saybrook
Gerald J. Pugliese
Robert C. Schechinger

Other Towns in CT
Gladys M Anderson
Bert H. Augmon Jr.
Kathryn Bishop
Loretta M Hart
John E. Heyer
Regina Jackmauh
Robert A. Marotto
Robert C. Schechinger
Janet Thomas
Richard G. Weller
James R. Zampaglione

Out of State
Barbara Balfour
Loretta M. Hart
Dr. Bernard A. Lublin

Plainville
Peter Procko

Portland
Lilea M. Gorneault

Rocky Hill
Mark J. Mullooly
Mary L. Thompson

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Vernon
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West Hartford
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Edward A. Slye

Windsor
Gale H. Deming
Jacqueline Ilg
Jeannette D. Woods

Windsor Locks
Lucille A. Lillibridge

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Augmon Jr., Bert H.



Bert H. Augmon Jr., 69, passed away May 31, 2022. Bert was born in New London March 24, 1953, to parents, Bert Augmon Sr. and June Augmon. A service will be held Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Ave, New London. A viewing for family and friends will begin at 5 p.m. with services following at 6 p.m. Interment with military honors will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, June 17, at Cedar Grove Cemetery in New London. Funeral services are entrusted to Lester Gee Funeral Home.

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Procko, Peter



Peter Procko, 97, lifetime resident of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at Mulberry Gardens in Plantsville, in the arms of his loving wife. He was the devoted husband and best friend to Edith (Piers) Procko, with whom he shared 75 years of marriage- full of love, laughter, and good times. Peter was born on February 26, 1925, one of six children and grew up in Plainville, attended local schools and graduated from Plainville High School. In high school and even years after, Peter was very athletic as he ran track, played basketball, participated on various softball teams, and enjoyed the game of golf. He continued to play golf well into his early 90's. He also enjoyed bowling and fishing. Shortly after high school, he happily married the true love of his life, Edie, and together they settled into their forever home in Plainville where they raised the sunshine of their lives, their only daughter, Catherine. Peter worked as the supervisor at the Environmental Test Lab at Allied Control, as well as within inspections at Pratt and Whitney prior to enjoying his retirement. Peter was a talented wood-worker and crafted many beautiful pieces of furniture for the family home. He was a self-sufficient, independent man, who had an intensely strong, do-it-yourself character. A devout Catholic, Peter was a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church and attended Mass regularly with his wife and daughter by his side. Peter was a dedicated family man; he did whatever needed to support and make his family happy, especially his wife. He made sure family had everything they needed, but also modeled to never take anything for granted. He was very wise when it came to investments and finances, and was passionate about the stock market, trading's, and saving money. A true family man, with a quick wit, great sense of humor, and eyes that smiled when he did, Peter will be missed dearly as his family carries on his legacy of hard-work, dedication, and most importantly, love. Peter is survived by his wife of 75 years, Edith (Piers) Procko; his daughter Catherine (Procko) McQueeney and her husband, Gerald; his grandchildren, Jill McQueeney and her wife, Kristin Burghardt and Laura Magisano and her husband, Jason; his great-grandchildren, Jenna Carbone and Riley Magisano; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members. The last surviving of six, Peter was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph, Michael, John, and George Procko and his sister, Catherine Fanguillo, as well as his life-long best friend, Bob "Okie" Okenquist. Family and friends are welcome to gather on Friday, June 17 from 10 to 11 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Donations in memory of Peter can be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church c/o Parish Office, 19 S. Canal St., or to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, 54 S. Canal St (Plainville, CT 06062). The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., extends their gratitude to the Procko family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.



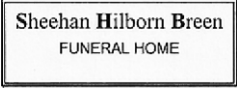
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OBITUARIES

Buckingham, Jr., Harold Canute



Harold Canute Buckingham, Jr., 91, of Seabury, Bloomfield, CT died on June 5, 2022 at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital with his three children comforting him as he completed his journey and joined his wife and soulmate, Joyce Chesebro Buckingham, in heaven. He was born on November 3, 1930 in Wilkes-Barre, PA to the late Reverend Harold and Dorothy (Coats) Buckingham. Harold moved to Oneonta, NY in 1937 and attended the Oneonta Public Schools. He was a boarder student at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, PA, for his junior and senior high school years, graduating in 1948. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT Class of 1952 and University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA Class of 1957. He was also an honorary member of Oneonta High School Class of 1948. Harold served in the Korean conflict from 1952 to 1954 in the 24th Infantry Division, 34th Regiment. He was present for the truce on July 27, 1953 and participated in the subsequent exchange of prisoners of war at Panmunjom. On September 11, 1954, one day after returning from Korea, Harold married Joyce, also of Oneonta, whom he had known since he was 7 and she 5. The couple lived in Charlottesville, VA from 1954 to 1957 while Harold attended law school and moved to Hartford, CT in 1957. They lived in Hartford and West Hartford before moving to Glastonbury, CT where they resided for 45 years. Their latest residence has been at the Seabury Retirement Community in Bloomfield, CT where they have enjoyed living since 2011. For the past 50 years, Harold has thoroughly enjoyed vacationing, in summer and especially winter, with his family and friends at Kezar Lake, Lovell, Maine. Harold practiced law for over 50 years at Day, Berry & Howard, LLP (now Day Pitney) in Hartford, CT. Even though he was a partner at a large firm, he always considered himself to be a country lawyer. Harold was a member of the United Methodist Church of Hartford for 30 years, where he was active in the church leadership and was a member of the choir. For the past 30 years, he has been a member of Center Church Hartford where he has played a major role in that church's building preservation and financial strength. Harold supported numerous educational institutions, acting as Trustee and board member at Wyoming Seminary, Wesleyan University, and the former Hartford College for Women and as a Corporator of the Hartford International University. He also mentored and contributed to countless charitable and civic organizations, including, as director of the Bushnell Park Foundation, the YMCA of Greater Hartford and YMCA Camp Woodstock, Connecticut Community Care, as Trustee of the Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation, and as president of the Civitan Club of Hartford. He served Glastonbury as chairman of its Zoning Board of Appeals, and the vice chairman of its Housing Authority. He was an avid sports enthusiast and might be found watching any game or any team that happened to be playing, but was most passionate about his teams; The Boston Red Sox, The New York Giants and UConn Women's Basketball. He also loved researching historical and genealogical facts and was known to frequent ancient and secluded burial grounds. Harold is survived by his three children, Margaret L. Buckingham, of Dover, NH, Harold C. Buckingham, III, of Marlborough, MA, and Janet C. Buckingham, of Ballston Lake, NY, and his six grandchildren, Brian Eller (Kelley), Ashley Eller, Timothy Buckingham, Matthew Buckingham (Candace), Courtney Round and Shannon Round, of all of whom he was enormously proud. He is also survived by a special "surrogate" granddaughter, Anne Kabagambe, of Uganda and Washington, DC. He was predeceased by his wife, his parents, his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Buckingham and Roger W. Williams, his brother, Robert C. Buckingham, MD (Thelma) and his first wife, Carol Whiting Buckingham, and his brother, Walter W. Buckingham (Anne). For those wishing to pay tribute to Harold, in lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to either the 1636 Heritage Partnership, Inc., 60 Gold Street, Hartford, CT 06103, dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Hartford's third oldest surviving building, the 1807 Meeting House of Center Church, Hartford. Or to Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Alumni and Development Office, 201 North Sprague Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704. There will be a memorial service for Harold at Center Church, 675 Main Street, Hartford (across from the Wadsworth Athenaeum) at 11 AM on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Further details will be published closer to the date. For those wishing to greet the family, calling hours will be held at SheehanHilbornBreen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford on Thursday, July 21 from 6 PM to 8 PM and Friday, July 22 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com. The family would like to thank the amazing staff of Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, unit 5.2 and the Palliative Care team for the excellent and compassionate care provided during the last month of our Dad's life.



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Chavies, Robert Lee



Mr. Robert Lee Chavies, 73, of Hartford, CT, loving father, devoted grandfather and loyal servant of God, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2022 in Durham, NC. He was born February 5, 1949 in Rockville Center, NY to the late Roy and Fearie Bell Chavies. Robert was an alumnus of Hartford Public High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. A proud Vietnam Veteran, he continued to serve his country working for the US Postal Service, retiring after over 40 years of service. His relationship with God is something he passionately shared with everyone, especially those he loved. Mr. Chavies was a member of the church choir, and served as a deacon of Horace Bushnell (now Liberty Christian Center) in Hartford, CT for many years. After retirement he decided to spend his time fishing by the Connecticut River or with his grandchildren. Mr. Chavies was known by many names including Robert, Dad, Bob, Uncle Bob but his favorite was "PopPop". He loved spending time with his family and could always be found grilling or cooking something while listening to good music. He also enjoyed swimming, basketball, watching football, cycling and drawing. In addition to his parents, Mr. Chavies was preceded in death by his wife, Etta J. Chavies; siblings, Elroy and Tessa Chavies, and nephew, Tyrone Chavies. He leaves behind sons, Jarell, Sr. (Gizie, Jarell Jr., Isaiah) and Kendric Chavies (Elijah), and Timothy Overby (Davyda, Timothy II, Tinsley) from a previous marriage. Also, a host of family and friends who will always remember his infectious laugh, warm hugs and his generous personality. A memorial service for Mr. Robert Lee Chavies will be conducted 11:30 A.M. Friday June 17, 2022 at the chapel of C. H. Harris Funeral Home, 5717 Hwy 58, Buffalo Junction, VA 24529. A mask is required for all chapel services. Please direct all condolences to the family at: The Chavies Family, P.O. Box 824, Clarksville, VA 23927. Arrangements are by C. H. Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Online condolences at www.harrisfhc.com.

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Thompson, Mary Louise

Mary Louise Thompson of Rocky Hill, CT entered into eternal peace at the age of 97 on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022. Mary was born on September 4, 1924; the seventh of twelve children to her parents Dennis and Carmella (Primiano) Civiello. She was born and raised in the town of Millinocket in the great state of Maine. Mary left Maine and moved to Hartford, Connecticut in 1942 to begin a new adventure. In Connecticut she met and married her late husband John F. (Sharkey) Thompson. Despite now being entrenched in Connecticut living, Mary remained close with her family in Maine. Mary's children are appreciative of the fact that she insisted on making an annual visit to her hometown. No small feat as it was a seven hour one way ride to Millinocket. However, because of the annual family trip, it allowed her children the opportunity to get to know and appreciate the love and kindness of the extended Civiello family. Mary was fortunate to be born with energy, determination, discipline and extraordinarily good health. She utilized all of these characteristics to live a long and fulfilling life. Mary was widowed at 57 years old and was not prepared for that reality. However, she overcame her unfortunate circumstance to live an impressively independent life for the next forty years. She was ahead of her time. Cardio and core exercises as well as a healthy diet before it became fashionable, however, her most impassioned activity was ballroom dancing. While growing up in Maine, she fell in love with the dancing and the music of her era. According to Mary, she and some of her classmates would practice dancing at school during lunchtime almost every day. Mary mastered her dancing skills and brought them to Connecticut. She met her future husband dancing at Colts Park in Hartford, where large social dancing events were held. Throughout their marriage, Mary and John would dance whenever the opportunity allowed. Upon Johns passing in 1982, Mary continued to dance occasionally until her retirement from the state of Connecticut. At that time, she discovered afternoon ballroom dancing in Elmwood, West Hartford Center, and Bristol and she continued to dance at those venues into her early nineties. Her goal was always the same; dance every dance. Mary is survived by her daughter Anne, her Husband Mike, and daughters Laura, Annie and Jennifer. She is also survived by her son Dennis, his wife Lenore, and sons Evan and Patrick. Mary is predeceased by her parents, her brothers; Joseph, Louie, Frank, Mike, Charlie, John; and her sisters, Francis, Pauline and Anita. She is survived by her sisters Lillian and Ann. Mary was also the final living member of the notorious women's social group known as the GAB CLUB. To all members of the original GAB CLUB families: Thanks for the memories. For all who remained in contact with Mary, she was grateful for your kindness throughout her life. Mary's family is thankful for the efforts of her physicians who assisted Mary in maintaining the best quality of life possible. Thanks to Doctors; Peter White, James Nugent, Khubaib Mapara, Jacques Mendelshon, and Gail Lagana. There are no calling hours as the funeral was private and took place at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to the American Heart Association www.heart.org. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rose-hillfuneralhomes.com

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Greif, Christine



Christine M. (Pappalardo) Greif, 52, of Avon, beloved wife of Robert Greif, passed away unexpectedly at home on June 9, 2022. Born in Hartford on September 24, 1969, the daughter of Margaret E. (Sawyer) Pappalardo and Dr. John V. Pappalardo. She was raised in Avon, attended local schools and was a 1987 graduate of Avon High School. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree in 1991 from Dickinson College and her master's degree in Library Science from Southern CT State University. Christine's life tragically changed on May 11, 1997, as she was hit by a drunk driver and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Prior to her accident Christine was a successful runner, enjoyed swimming and biking, and competed in several triathlons. Her accident left her severely impaired, but she was able to learn to paint using watercolors and pastels. Her art sessions were great therapy for Christine, and the images she created have brought tremendous joy to all those who have been able to share them. An avid baker before the accident, with the assistance of friends and family, she always made sure there were fresh muffins, breads and treats for everyone to enjoy. She loved gardening and enjoyed traveling to Cape Cod, especially to see her beloved lighthouses. She loved bears of all kinds, especially her teddy bears and the ones that regularly visit her bird feeders. Christine is survived by her husband of 26 years Robert Greif, her parents, Margaret E. (Sawyer) Pappalardo and Dr. John V. Pappalardo of Avon, her brother, David V. Pappalardo and his wife Mary Kate Sullivan of Coventry, her sister, Susan E. Pappalardo and her husband Brad Weed of Kirkland, WA, her mother-in-law, Marian W. Greif of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA and her sister-in-law, Michelle A. Miller of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, her nieces and nephews, Vesta and Merek Weed and Hannah and Erik Miller. She was predeceased by her father-in-law, Dr. Donald D. Greif. Christine's family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 4-7PM at Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday June 15, 2022, at 10AM at the Church of St. Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations in Christine's memory may be made to Avon Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 706, Avon, CT 06001, Dickinson College McAndrews Fund for Athletics, PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013 or the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut, 200 Day Hill Rd # 250, Windsor, CT 06095. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Morkan, Barbara Fuller

A funeral mass for Barbara Fuller Morkan (1932-2021) will be held at St. Mary's Church in Simsbury on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 10:00 am, immediately followed by interment at Simsbury Cemetery.

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Kepler, Charles Edward



On May 31, 2022, Charles Edward Kepler (Ed), an extraordinary man, husband, father, grandfather, and uncle left this earth for a better place. He was born in Reading, PA on 09/19/1929 to Charles Collins Kepler and Mary Weber Kepler. As a young man who loved the outdoors and physical activity he became an Eagle Scout, and during his teen years worked as a camp counselor teaching swimming in the summers. He continued teaching and coaching swim teams for many decades, as both teaching and swimming were among his many passions. He attended Princeton University, following his brother and his father before him. Ed graduated in 1951 with a B.S. degree in aeronautical engineering plus the honors of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. He remained at Princeton until 1954 earning his second degree, an M.S. also in aero engineering. His 6+ years at Princeton produced a graduate whose pride, esteem, and loyalty to the university and to his class of '51, was unlimited. In 1954 he began his career as a research scientist at UTRC, United Technologies Research Center. During his 38 years there he thrived on the cutting-edge technologies that became his work. His efforts won him at least a dozen patents, many published technical reports and papers, and other forms of recognition. He was a genuine rocket scientist and he loved his work. He met his wife-to-be at a summer clambake in 1955, an annual UTRC event held at Hammonasset Beach on the CT coastline. Ellie Macdonald who had a summer job as an engineering aide at UTRC attracted his attention as Ed attracted hers. Their wedding was held in East Haddam a year later. Their first home in East Hartford welcomed two more Keplers, Greg in 1958 and Cindy in 1964. Ed's many skills in carpentry, building, and architecture appeared first in this house and grew in number and complexity over the next 50+ years. There's no telling how much he saved in repair, electricity, repainting, plumbing, and additions over that time, and the results were always satisfactory to excellent. His green thumb grew food at the first house with a large rear yard - tomatoes, beans, strawberries, an apple tree, and a variety of flowers. It also provided a hill with just enough slope to teach a 4-year-old to ski, which he did, and an above ground pool to teach the beginning of swimming, both activities in which Ed excelled and transmitted to his children. The next house provided more room, and a basement which were improvements for Ed the handyman and builder. In 1963 a house was found unsought but irresistible. It was and still is called the "schoolhouse in Winhall Hollow" and it was in "move-in" condition right down to the linens and complete kitchen. It was indeed one of VT's many early one room schoolhouses in a perfect location for skiers at the center of a triangle formed by Stratton, Bromley and Magic mountains. Our unbudgeted ski house was purchased and we've never regretted our very quick decision. It has stored in memories and photos almost 60 years of happy times with friends and families. Ed again used his skills as carpenter and architect, replacing ceilings, strengthening beams, and adding a bunk room and another bedroom on the upper (unfinished) level. Next, he added a separate bunkhouse that slept 4 and had its own bath and heating system, plus a screened deck that connected the bunkhouse to the schoolhouse. Greg was a welcome apprentice during these renovations. The present Kepler residence, a condo at Southfield Green in Manchester, CT, became home in 1986 partly because of the very large walkout basement (Ed's reward), partly the 25 acres it sits on, and partly the attractiveness of the property. In the following years the friendliness of the residents added to the family's continued ownership of 36 years. Ed contributed to Southfield in his areas of strength. In earlier years he became the second resident to become familiar with the sprinkler system and its operation. He knew the locations of all 38 sprinkler areas and the 535 sprinkler heads that were within those areas. He bought and planted a forsythia hedge at the north end of the tennis court and pruned it for the next 6 years when the landscape company took over. He kept an eye on the condition of the pool and took his turns opening and closing the pool. He will be remembered as "the life of the party", the guy with the vigorous loud laugh. He was a rare breed, so full of energy and always living his life to the fullest. A man of many talents, in addition to the areas already listed, he loved bicycling, hiking, sailing, kayaking, birding, travelling, the challenge of a good bridge game, traditional jazz and a new activity he didn't begin until his late 60's - tap dancing. He had received for his 65th birthday both roller blades and tap shoes. The tap shoes won. He and Ellie joined a "mature" group of women being taught by Helyn Flanagan, the same notable Hartford teacher who taught Ellie in the 40's. He had always had a Fred Astaire complex, and he learned to tap pretty well. He particularly liked tapping in recitals, being in costume, on stage, with an audience and often being the rooster in the henhouse. He found great joy tapping into his mid-eighties. Ed's passion for carpentry and wood-working sharpened further following his retirement. He built a marvelous workshop and completed numerous projects around the house and in the workshop. A few examples of his accomplishments include an elegant dollhouse for his granddaughter that made news in the local newspaper, a climate-controlled wine cellar, and construction of large model airplanes. Another project that took two years to make was construction of two stunning lightweight kayaks that are truly beautiful, functional works of art made strip by strip of several different wood species. They paddled evenly and in a straight line. Last but not least was sharing and promoting bonds with the three generations, his love of the outdoors, physical activity, and travel. Whether swimming, skiing, biking, or travelling to Alaska, the Caribbean, or Cape Cod, Ed's role as grandfather was one he cherished. He taught or improved the swimming and diving of his grandchildren as he did his own children in their childhood. His love of life, of friends, of a good joke was always recognized from afar by his vigorous (loud) laugh, his signature presence even if he wasn't visible. He is survived by Ellie, his wife and partner of sixty-six years; his son, Greg and wife Eileen; his daughter, Cindy Wike; his four grandchildren Stephen Wike and his spouse Aaron Wood, Charlie and his wife Kate, David Everson, Caroline; his four nieces and one nephew. Ed's brother, George and his wife Pat, predeceased him. His was a long, vibrant life well lived and he will be missed dearly by everyone that ever had the opportunity to know him. His burial will be private and there will be no calling hours or funeral. There will be a celebration of his life on July 29th from noon to 4. Whether friend, relative or have any other connection to Ed, we would like you to join us in Manchester to celebrate his life. Please contact Ellie or one of the children, Greg Kepler or Cindy Wike, for more details and directions even if you are unable to attend. We hope you will share some memories, even if you can't be with us physically.

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Tiziani, Gordon & Christine (Deabill)



A Funeral Mass for Christine (Deabill) Tiziani who died in Dec of 2021 and Gordon Tiziani who died in March of 2020 will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Church, 141 Maple St. (Rt. 140) Ellington, CT. Burial will follow at Ellington Center Cemetery in Ellington.

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Bishop, Kathryn "Kaye" (Riotte)



Kathryn "Kaye" Bishop, 94 years young, of Niantic and Estero, FL passed peacefully from this earth into the arms of her Savior on Friday, May 27th. Kaye was born August 22, 1927 in New Haven, CT, daughter of the late John and Evelyn (Stout) Riotte. She grew up in Wallingford and worked for the American Cyanamid Co. where she met her husband, Philip Bishop. They were wed on Jan. 10, 1948 and had 51 wonderful years together in Wallingford, Killingworth, Niantic, and Estero, FL. Kaye was a dental assistant for Dr. Joseph Flynn in Wallingford for 17 years. She was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church in Meriden where she taught Sunday School, was a youth leader, and deaconess. Upon moving to Killingworth she and her husband became founding members of the Valley Bible Church in Haddam. Her faith was most important to her and she was the prayer warrior for the family and anyone else who needed it. She loved fishing, traveling, and especially shopping. She had the gift of hospitality - entertaining, cooking, and baking cookies to give away. She had a great sense of humor, sunny disposition, and always saw her cup as full to overflowing. She had a thankful heart and we are sure that was the case when the Lord welcomed her home. She is survived by her daughter, Valerie and son-in-law, Harlan Fredericksen of Waterford; son, Kevin Bishop and daughter-in-law, Tracy of Phoenix, AZ. She also leaves behind her grandsons, Eric Fredericksen and his wife, Kristin of Ellington and Chad Fredericksen and his wife, Jennifer of Park Ridge, IL, and granddaughter Rebecca Vesey of Old Lyme. She also leaves two very special nephews, Jonathan Riotte and his wife Cheri, and Jeffrey Riotte, as well as countless friends and extended family members. She was the beloved GG to eight great-grandchildren: Naya, Micah, Ruby, Maxwell, Jacob, Asher, Rainer, and Makenzie. She was predeceased by her husband, Philip Bishop, her special friend and partner, Walter Bitely of Michigan, her brother, Gordon Riotte of Niantic and her sister, Janet Lesesne of South Carolina. A private family interment will take place at Union Cemetery in Niantic and will be followed by a Memorial Service on Thursday, June 16th at 11:00am at First Baptist Church of Waterford, 105 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford. Memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church of Waterford, 105 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford, CT 06385. To share a memory or condolence with Kaye's family, please visit www.neilanfuneralhome.com.

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Jackmauh, Regina



Regina Jackmauh 95, beloved wife of Anthony Jackmauh passed away peacefully on May 22nd, 2022 at home. Regina was born in 1927 in Nanticoke, PA, a small coal mining town. Her family moved to Ansonia, CT and then to Hartford, CT. Regina graduated from Hartford Public High School. Regina was proficient in shorthand and dictation and she was happy to immediately find employment with the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services upon graduation. She worked for DSS for a short time and then worked as a secretary in the Governor's office where she enjoyed working for Governor John Lodge.

Regina often spoke of the fond memories of working in the Governor's office. She spoke highly of her co-workers and maintained life-long friendships with a couple of her colleagues. She enjoyed being involved in several activities with her co-workers and friends from the Knights of Lithuania club. She especially enjoyed ski trips to Canada, bowling, playing volleyball, playing the piano, drawing and painting, and enjoyed polka dancing at the Lithuanian club.

Regina met her husband Anthony at a Knights of Lithuania dance. They married in 1958 and settled in Hartford, CT where they had their son John. They moved to East Windsor a few years later and had their son, Alan and daughter, Donna. They lived in East Windsor for the rest of their lives.

Regina was a founding member of Saint Philip's Church in East Windsor. Regina enjoyed being a member of the Parish Council and she enjoyed working in the kitchen on bingo nights and participated in countless events and programs that the Church offered. Regina's faith in God and her devotion to the Blessed Mother was her strength throughout life.

In her recent years, Regina enjoyed playing Pokemo with Janet, her home aid and angel. They shared many laughs and dramatic wins and losses together. Regina loved doing word find puzzles for hours at a time. She was an avid, 'Wheel watcher' and did not like it when college football games interrupted that routine.

Regina will be remembered as a special lady for her loving, caring ways and for always being there for family and friends. She prayed the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily for everyone she loved.

Regina was predeceased by her husband, Anthony, her son, John, her brothers Joseph and Anthony and her Sister, Albina. She leaves her son, Alan, her daughter, Donna and her grandson Alan and her sister in-law Irene Jackmauh. She also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be on Friday, June 17th from 4-8 pm at the Bassinger Dowd Funeral Home at 37 Gardner Street, East Windsor, CT 06088. Friends and family can meet at 9:00am Saturday, June 18th at the Bassinger Dowd Funeral Home, followed by a mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am at Saint Mary's Church 42 Spring Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096. Burial will be at Saint Catherine Cemetery in Broad Brook, CT, 06016. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's Residence, 1365 Enfield, Street, Enfield, CT 06082. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Kemper, Diana Karen (Nappi)



Diana Karen (Nappi) Kemper, 72, of Berlin, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Diana was the wife of her devoted husband, Jeffrey Kemper. Born in New Britain, a daughter of the late Joseph and Victoria (Caporale) Nappi. Besides her husband she is survived by her sister, Patricia Williams of North Carolina and Westbrook CT, her brother, Gene Nappi of South Carolina and her 2 nieces, Jennifer and Kristin. Everyone is invited to go directly to St. Paul Church 485 Alling St. Kensington, at 10:00 a.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday June 15, 2022. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, New Britain. To see the full obituary for Diana, please go to www.berlinmemorialfuneralhome.com

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Pugliese, Gerald J.

Gerald J. Pugliese, 90, of South Windsor and Old Saybrook passed away peacefully on Monday, June 6, 2022. He was the widower of Thelma Pugliese. Born in Waterbury, he was the son of the late Francesco and Marie (Giovanniello) Pugliese. Gerald was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He went onto the University of CT, earned his Bachelor's Degree and worked as a Mechanical Engineer at Pratt & Whitney for 37 years before retirement. Surviving are his two sons Keith Pugliese of FL, Glenn Pugliese and his wife Robin of Glastonbury, his grandchildren Garret, Erika, Anthony and John Pugliese. Funeral service and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Schick, Doris V (Boardman)



Doris Boardman Schick passed away peacefully on May 16, 2022, in Louisville, CO, at the age of 91. She leaves behind her three daughters: Elizabeth (married to Keith Miller) of Des Moines IA, Susan (married to Robert Wright) of Milton, MA, and Jennifer (married to Jeffrey Burak) of Boulder, CO. She also leaves four grandchildren (Austin and Julia Wright; Nathan and Noah Burak), and her two sisters (Barbara Weaver and Mary Davis). Her husband, Charles William Schick, as well as her parents, Mary and Arthur Boardman, predeceased her.

Doris was born on April 22, 1931, in Lancaster, PA. After graduating from McCaskey High School in 1949, she attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, in Philadelphia, earning an R.N. degree in 1952. In 1953 she joined the Army and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Nurse Corp. After completing basic training, she was stationed at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado, and then at 320 General Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

A theme of Doris's early adult life was adventure and travel. Before joining the army, she took a several-month-long cross-country road trip with a friend, and was captivated by the American West: Santa Fe, the Grand Canyon, San Francisco, Yosemite, Reno, and Denver. After joining the army, she carefully planned her leaves. While stationed in Denver, she went skiing at Winter Park, crossed the Continental Divide (during a snowstorm), and tried her hand at gambling in Reno. While stationed in Germany, she visited Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, Assisi, Venice, Florence, Holland, Paris, London, and many places throughout Germany. She enjoyed visiting all the landmark sites, attending the opera, sampling local cuisine, and going dancing at night clubs with her friends.

Before long Doris decided to leave the army to resume her education, thinking that this would make her more marketable. She was honorably discharged from active service (as a 1st Lieutenant) in 1955, though she remained in the inactive reserve unit of the US Army Nurse Corps until 1964, during which time she rose to Captain. She attended the Bolton School of Nursing at Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, earning a B.S. degree in nursing on the GI Bill in 1958. After graduating, she took a job as a Nursing Arts Instructor at Fairview Park Hospital School of Medicine in Cleveland, OH. She was beloved by her students as a teacher, role model, and friend.

In 1960, while she was still living in Cleveland, Doris's father arranged one of his many tours from Lancaster to NYC, this time to see The Sound of Music. Among all his tours, this one, according to Doris, was his "greatest triumph" - for he had arranged for Bill Schick to attend as well. Bill had been a middle- and high school classmate of Doris's back in Lancaster and was then working at Price Waterhouse in NYC. They married on August 19, 1961, settled on Long Island, NY, and had three girls: Elizabeth, Susan, and Jennifer. In 1970 Bill took a new job in Hartford, CT and the family settled in Glastonbury, CT. Except for an 18-month period (1976-77) when they lived in Belgium, Glastonbury was Bill and Doris's home base for the next 49 years.

Though brief, the family's time in Belgium was eventful for Doris. In addition to adapting to the challenges of managing the household in a foreign country, Doris studied French, took an haute couture sewing class, and of course, advocated for the family to travel - Paris, London, the Algarve region of Portugal, Amsterdam, Zurich, Luxembourg, Germany, and throughout Belgium. Perhaps most significant, Doris took up the historic handcraft of bobbin lace. Every week she travelled to the Flemish city of Bruges for a two-hour lesson from a bobbin lace teacher. Lacemaking became her passion for the rest of her life. After her return to Glastonbury, she was a founding member of the New England Lace Group (NELG) in 1982, co-designed the NELG logo, won many awards for her technical mastery, made pieces for her family, and became a bobbin lace teacher herself.

Another interest of Doris's was genealogy. She traveled to rare book libraries and cemeteries across Connecticut and Pennsylvania to piece together her family history. Her research established that she was a descendant of John Alden of the Mayflower and a Daughter of the American Revolution.

Doris never really lost the travel bug, and in her later years enjoyed visiting her daughters in Iowa, Massachusetts, and Colorado. Doris spent the last three years of her life in Louisville, CO, to be closer to her daughter Jennifer and her family. Though she lived there only a short time, she was much loved by her fellow residents at Lavender Farms, lighting up the place with her beautiful smile.

Both Doris and Bill had deep ties to Glastonbury with many close, decades-long friends. They were long-time members of the Congregational Church of South Glastonbury. Doris was a member of the church choir and both she and Bill enjoyed attending Bible Study. Doris was also a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club, as well as a 30-year member of the Greater Middletown Chorale, and was in the 9-hole ladies golf group at the Country Club of Farmington.

Doris was always physically active and enjoyed cross country skiing and snow shoeing with her family during the three decades they had a vacation home in Mt. Snow, VT. They both felt a deep connection to the Chautauqua community of Mount Gretna, PA (near their native Lancaster), where they made lasting memories of special times across many generations of our family.

Over the years Doris became Bill's closest confidante and best friend. With her sense of humor, kindness, and steely perseverance in the pursuit of her varied interests and goals, and Doris was - and remains - her daughters' inspiration and guiding light.

Her funeral was held in Boulder, CO, on May 21. A memorial service will be held at the Congregational Church of South Glastonbury on Saturday, July 2, at 11 AM. Interment will follow the service.

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Lublin, Dr. Bernard Allan



Dr. Bernard Allan Lublin of Henrico, Va., died June 5, 2022, at the age of 85. A graduate of Yale University and New York University Medical School, Bernie served as Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy before moving to Richmond in 1960 to complete an internship and residency in orthopedic surgery at Medical College of Virginia.

He made Richmond his home and his dear Bobbie his wife. And while helping to raise three relatively obedient children, he materially improved the lives of many thousands of patients through the decades since as an Orthopedic Surgeon.

His love of sailing naturally led him to the Chesapeake and many beautiful cruises along the Piankatank River. Building a place in Deltaville, he cultivated grape vines and intricately pruned the crepe myrtle branches. He planted Japanese cherry trees, not for his own pleasure but to help make the world a more beautiful place for those who came after.

His love of learning and science permeated every aspect of his life. Any vacation abroad would be preceded by diligently studying several nonfiction books of the destination. In preparation for his trip to Israel he memorized Hatikvah, the national anthem. And any mysterious medical symptom was a problem to be fully investigated, solved and addressed.

Bernie always remembered the quote he first heard upon graduation from Yale, "We'll all do well; may some do good." And this inspiration guided him to his greatest career achievement. Long before the Internet made medical information readily available, Bernie scoured medical journals to learn how chromosomal mutations cause breast and ovarian cancer, primarily in women of Ashkenazi-Jewish descent. He founded the Jewish Genetic Foundation (now part of American Technion Society), convinced the National Comprehensive Cancer Network to change their guidelines for the prophylactic treatment of these diseases and he convinced Myriad Genetics to develop and license pre-implantation genetic diagnosis for the first time ever, anywhere in the world.

Over the past 25 years, he happily formed a strong group of snowbird friends in Naples, Fla., with whom he regularly attended Temple Shalom, the Phil, every speaker series available and ROMEO – Retired Old Men Eating Out. And he actively engaged in the charitable community there, receiving the 2016 Jewish National Fund of Southwest Florida's Lifetime Achievement Award.

And he loved spending time with his grandchildren – Oliver, Ava, Isaac, Nate and Caroline – hungry for details of their daily activities. He happily played quadruple solitaire with them, recognizing all along he was merely "cannon fodder."

Bernie was the beloved husband of 58 years of Bobbie Grossman Lublin; cherished father of Suzie (Brett) Tiplitz, Keith (Betsy) Lublin and Kathi Lublin; loving Poppa of Oliver and Isaac Lublin, Ava and Nate Paul and Caroline Tiplitz; survived by brother, Richard (Chris) Lublin; sister-in-law, Estelle (Jerry z"l) Grossman; nieces, Karen (Jon) Morton, Nancy (Jason) Lublin; nephews, Peter (Michele) Lublin, Richard (Bethany) Grossman; and countless other loving extended family and friends. Devoted son of the late Anna and Raymond Lublin, of Hartford, Conn.

Graveside services were held at Hebrew Cemetery, on Wednesday, June 8.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that those who wish to further honor the memory of Dr. Bernard Lublin may do so by enjoying a York Peppermint Pattie and making a contribution to American Technion Society, www.ats.org, Jewish National Fund – Halutzta Communities, <https://my.jnf.org/halutzta/Donate> or a charity of one's choice.

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Schechinger, Robert C.



Robert C. Schechinger of Essex Connecticut passed away on Friday, May 20th at the age of 94. He was born on 16 July 1927 in Wilmington, Delaware where they grew up as the only child of Hilda and Carl Schechinger.

After High School, Bob enlisted in the Navy and served two years as a Quartermaster on a mine sweeper, being Honorably Discharged in 1946. Though he never talked directly about his war service, his favorite antidote was being pleasantly surprised at the mess hall during training in Upstate New York. The food tasted just like his mother's due, no doubt, to the German POW cooks in the camp kitchen. Upon his discharge, he enrolled in the University of Delaware, graduating in 1951, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. While there, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, played defense on the Varsity Lacrosse team and indulged in his life-long love of theater by acting in college plays.

Upon graduation Bob started work at the Du Pont Company in 1951 as a student operator in manufacturing at their Martinsville Va. plant. This was the beginning of a lifelong career with the company, resulting in regular promotions and shuttling every year or two between the Wilmington and New York offices. After two years on loan as director of marketing for Polyacryl Iran Corporation, in Tehran he returned to New York in 1978 as Division Manager of Apparel Merchandizing for all Du Pont fibers, including Men's, Women's and Children's wear. After his retirement in the mid 1980's he continued to serve as spokesman for the "Crafted with Pride – Made in America" lobby, which entailed, among other things, traveling to trade shows with the current Miss America and being on the Board of the All-American Tennis Tournament for the next decade.

During this period and until his late 80's he and his wife of 72 years, Dorothy, split their time between golfing at Black Hall Country Club from their Old Saybrook home and skiing all winter at Okemo from their home in Ludlow, Vermont. Finding Bob and his skiing companions on the slopes was easy given that they invariably sang on chair lifts. After they left Vermont, they moved into Essex Meadows where he continued to golf and continue his acting in the Facility's Theater group.

Dad passed away peacefully last Friday afternoon, after a brief illness, with his family at his side. It is a testament to our father's level of activity, incessant good humor, and love of life that we all feel that he passed "suddenly", despite being nearly 95 years old. It can truly be said by all that knew him that he brought joy to his family, friends, and acquaintances, and he lived life thoroughly and with good cheer. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a true friend. Schcek would light up a room when he entered and everyone who got to know him, loved him. Bob's hard work at a successful career enabled him to spend quality time over the decades with his family skiing, golfing, and singing on the lifts! His memory is cherished by us all.

Bob is survived by his bride, Dorothy, his children, Christine Strong, Bruce Schechinger, and Biff Schechinger, their spouses Ed Strong, Tammy Schechinger and Jill Hammerberg, as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Lillibridge, Lucille A. (Plante)



Windsor Locks-Lucille A. Plante Lillibridge, 83, beloved wife of the late Harry J. Lillibridge III passed away peacefully Saturday, June 4, 2022, at L&M Hospital surrounded by her family. Born in Hartford, on Dec. 12, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Cecelia (Benderovich) Plante Sr.

She is survived by her loving family. Sons: Mark-Alan and partner Jeff Hamblin, of Florida, Scott and partner, Alessandra Iurato, of California, David and partner Lynn Kashanski of Old Lyme, Dean and partner Steven Prokop of Windsor Locks and daughter Terri and partner Laura Ryan of Windsor Locks; grandsons, David Jr. of Enfield and Ryan of California. She was predeceased by her brothers Louis Jr. and Lawrence Plante.

Lu wore many hats. In earlier years, she was a sales rep for National Baby Products, worked as a lunch / recess aide for South Street School and was the secretary for the Director of the Board of Education in Windsor Locks. She was an active member of the PTO while all her children were attending school. She was also a member of the senior bowling league.

She was an avid fan of the New York Yankees and the UConn Huskies girls' basketball teams. She enjoyed gardening, bird watching and trips to New York for cabaret and shows. She loved taking in a concert from time to time. Her biggest passion in life was her family - whether it was playing board games or cards, going on family trips or just plain family time.

Lucille always had a quick wit and a fantastic sense of humor.

Lu was always a true fighter to the very end. Having survived several major health issues, she would bounce back to fight yet another day.

Her family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the staff at L&M Hospital, Bride Brook Nursing and Rehabilitation, Atria

Greenridge Place, and to all her caregivers for their kind and sensitive care for our mother. There will be no calling hours.

Services and burial will be private.

Contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas L. Neilan and Sons Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. Please visit www.neilanfuneral-home.com to leave the family an online condolence.

To quote the Tina Turner song, she was: "Simply the best... Better than all the rest".

We Love You, Mom!

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Marotto, Robert A.



September 8, 1928 - June 16, 2021

Robert A. Marotto, 92, passed away on June 16, 2021 at his home in Southington. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Lena Norton of Milldale and Anne Marie Ballachino of Old Lyme. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Virginia (Lofgren) Marotto and his children, Kristine Telke, Lynn Palmieri, and Robert Marotto Jr. He is also survived by six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18th, 2022 at the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville. Military Honors for Robert will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours will be held before the service from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Wall, Dwight Thomas



Dwight Thomas Wall, 84, of Riverside, CT, passed away from renal failure in Stamford Hospital on May 4, 2022 with his loving children by his side. Dwight was born on August 2, 1937 to Thomas and Katherine (Kitty) Wall in Bloomfield, CT, where he was raised with his younger sister Anne. His childhood is where his lifelong passion for knowledge and education began. A brilliant child, he skipped grades in elementary school and famously had a teacher write a note home to his mother that stated "please explain to Dwight that other children need a chance to answer questions, too." Dwight was always a hard worker, working a paper route for many years and saving up to buy his family their first television set. Childhood is also where Dwight first discovered his love for baseball, especially his beloved Boston Red Sox. He often said that as a child he discovered that reading could transport him to corners of the world he'd never otherwise see and he devoured anything with words, no matter the form. This was true until his last lucid moments.

Dwight graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1954 at 16 years old. A lifelong devout Catholic, he went on to earn an undergrad degree in English literature from College of the Holy Cross where one of his favorite memories was attending daily mass in Latin. As an undergrad, Dwight earned money by typing other student's papers. He said he enjoyed it because it allowed him to learn from classes he wasn't taking. Deciding he wanted to dedicate his life to teaching adolescents, Dwight went on to earn a masters degree in education from Harvard University and a second masters degree in mathematics from Fairfield University.

Dwight taught for a record breaking 57 years in the Greenwich public school system, the bulk of which was as an English teacher at Greenwich High School. Among numerous accolades he was a distinguished teacher of the year award recipient in 1997 and at the time he retired in 2016 he had taught the longest of anyone currently teaching in town. Because of this, Dwight was known everywhere he went in Greenwich and beyond. Anywhere he went, former students always approached him with an excited, "Mr. Wall!" and Dwight always somehow remembered at least one detail about the person, no matter how long ago he was their teacher. He always said his goal was not just for students to learn the material, but to love learning it. He will be remembered through the thousands of students he taught over his extraordinary career.

Dwight was a dedicated husband and father who never complained, was amazingly generous, inhumanly patient and always ready to listen. His children will remember his boisterous laugh, sly humor, gentle kindness, completely non-judgmental nature and the passion with which he cheered on the Red Sox- no matter how many times they lost. Dwight's beloved wife Linda (LaDore) Wall, passed away in 2018 after her battle with cancer. He is survived by his sister Anne Wall, his children Patrick, Mary, and Daniel, and his grandchildren Terrell, Brandon, Jaden, Grant and Faye. The family held a private funeral and burial last month and interred Dwight at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich. A public memorial service will be held at St. Catherine's of Sienna (4 Riverside Ave, Riverside, CT) on June 18th at 10am. All who knew Dwight or were touched by him in any way are welcomed and encouraged to attend. In lieu of flowers, please give a book to a child you love.

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Colwell, Francis L.

Our (Saint), Francis (Fran) L. Colwell has joined our loved ones in heaven on June 3, 2022. Fran was born on October 29, 1955 in Winsted, CT and resided in Norfolk until he met his soul mate and wife Ann (Hatala) Colwell of 39 years. He leaves family members: twin brother Leo F. Colwell and his wife Laura (Bottass), sister Suzanne Colwell, sister-in-law Janet (Hatala) and her husband Andrew Clarke, and brother-in-law Alan Jolicoeur. Fran leaves his beloved nieces and nephews: Julia (Colwell) and husband Casey Smith, Heather and Danielle Jolicoeur, Jennifer Clarke, Alan Colwell, Justin Jolicoeur, and Drew Sommerfelt-Clarke and wife Mariah.

Fran's career was spent working for the State of Connecticut DOT as a General Supervisor and he retired with 32 years of service. His last and longest assignment was at the Avon State Garage. He supervised the Avon Mountain "runaway ramp" project after the tragic accident and loss of lives. He also worked as a mason where he assisted in the creation of the iconic Carillon Tower map of the United States at the Stanley Park in Westfield, MA. Fran also mastered carpentry skills from Oliver Wolcott Technical School.

Fran would want you to remember him as a "nice guy" and he certainly lived up to it. His wish for everyone would be to "make memories" with your loved ones and to strive for peace. Fran took great joy in helping others. In honor of Fran, please consider donating to the Glioblastoma Foundation. This is an incurable and very common brain cancer. You can make a donation that will make a difference to find effective treatment and to provide hope for others battling this disease. Memorial donations can be made to: Francis Colwell Memorial Fund (<https://fundraise.glioblastomafoundation.org/franciscolwell>) or by mail to Glioblastoma Foundation P.O. Box 62066 Durham, NC 27715.

God Bless you Fran from all your family and friends and thank you for making all of us better individuals with your love and support.

Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville, on Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Patrick's Church, Collinsville. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Mullooly, Mark J.



Mark J. Mullooly, 53, of Rocky Hill, formerly of East Hartford, beloved son of Lorraine (Boisvert) Mullooly and the late John F. Mullooly, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at his residence. Mark was born with autism and was cared for by his loving family and the most wonderful people of Connecticut's Department of Developmental

Services (DDS). Born in Hartford and a lifelong resident of East Hartford and the local area, Mark enjoyed road trips with his family, listening to music, enjoying the outdoors and interacting with his caregivers. Mark's life was defined by imparting compassion, patience, love and empathy to all who had the benefit of knowing him through the years of his full and active life. Mark's educational journey began at age six at Capitol Region Education Council's (CREC) program, Day Treatment Services, under the expert leadership of Tom Parvenski. Mark continued with CREC programs until the age of 21 years, where he was cared for by the many DDS dedicated professionals. The Mullooly family gives our deep thanks to all the staff at DDS for their care, compassion and concern during his time with DDS.

Besides his loving mother, Lorraine, of East Hartford, Mark is survived by his sister Erin Marie (Mullooly) Krekel and her husband Vincent, of Danville, CA; a brother, Jay Mullooly and his wife Lori of Goshen, NY and their children, Mary Kate Harden and her husband Robert, Margaret and John, along with his extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services celebrating Mark's life will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 11 am at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, (Section 1), 1318 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury. Mark's family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, June 13, 2022 from 4 – 6 pm at the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mark's memory can be made to the Autism Society in San Diego, California. Special thanks to the compassionate professionals from Masonicare who guided Mark every step of the way to his eternal rest. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoech.com.



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Pearson, Jeffrey Erwin



Jeffrey Pearson, 56, passed away on June 7, 2022, after a 3-year battle with IPF disease. He was born February 9, 1966 in Hartford, to Mary (Noonan) Zawisza and Kinsman Pearson. Growing up, he lived in both Connecticut and Florida. However, his most fond memories were made while living in the towns of Wethersfield and Newington. He eventually settled in Newington, where

he also worked for the town in the public school system. Jeffrey proudly served in the United States Army as an armored crew man in both the United States and overseas in Germany. Jeffrey loved muscle cars and music. He was an avid drum player, and enjoyed jamming out with his friends and band mates. While he would jokingly refer to himself as a "crazy Irishman," he was truly a kind, gentle soul that will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to meet him. Jeffrey leaves behind his wife Helene and they're loving cat Mickey, along with many close friends and extended family. Jeffrey and his family would like to extend their greatest thanks to the pulmonary rehab department at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, the Rotech company in Middletown, and Dr. Watson's office in New Britain for all their dedication and hard work. All of whom gave him hope during the final stage of his life. Funeral services for Jeffrey will be held on Wednesday, June 10th 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. He will be lovingly laid to rest following his service at the Center Cemetery, Newington. Family and friends may call at Newington Memorial prior to his service on Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. To share a memory with Jeffrey's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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Addis, William Francis



William "Bill" Addis, 93, of Newington, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2022. He was the beloved husband for 48 years of Norine (Bomba) Addis. He was born in Hartford, the son of Harry and Marian (Burke) Addis and lived in Newington for the past 48 years. He had a career in sales with The Hartford Times and several other local papers. He owned and operated his own screen printing business, Personally Yours, for many years, which brought together his love of sales and hands-on work. In his retirement, he worked as a school crossing guard enjoying both the children and parents at Ruth L. Chaffee School. He was active in the Connecticut Fifers and Drummers Association for many years as Co-Director of the Newington Drum Corps, an Appearance Judge, and he served in a variety of leadership roles including President. He enjoyed working around his house and yard, watching action movies and any sweet dessert. Bill was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in Germany during the Korean War. A loving father, grandfather and great grandfather, he leaves two daughters, Karin Caouette of Collierville, TN, and Kathleen Bloomquist and her husband Craig of Newington; two step-daughters, Patricia McKone and her husband Peter of Worcester, MA and Kathleen Quinn and her husband Michael of Newington; seven grandchildren, Sean Caouette, Wesley Caouette, Erik Bloomquist, Carson Bloomquist, Timothy McKone, Matthew McKone, and Kaylee Sagan; six great-grandchildren Ella Caouette, Ava Caouette, Eli Caouette, Camila Caouette, Colton Sagan and Bryce Sagan. Bill also loved and enjoyed all of the various dogs he had over the years. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday, June 13, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, CT. Memorial donations may be made to Newington EMS, 71 John H. Stewart Dr., Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory with the family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Bartlewski Jr., Peter Paul



Peter Paul Bartlewski, Jr., 81, of Berlin, CT, formerly of New Britain, CT passed away on May 28, 2022. Peter was born in New Britain, CT, son of Dr. Peter Paul Bartlewski, Sr. and Mary (Cop) Bartlewski. He was raised in New Britain and was part of the first graduating class of St. Thomas Aquinas. Peter attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated from the New England Institute of Mortuary Science in Boston, MA. He worked as a funeral director, which he loved, for his entire career. An avid sports fan, especially of Notre Dame football, UConn basketball and the Boston Red Sox, he proudly served on the New Britain Sports Hall of Fame committee, was the former President of A.W. Stanley Little League baseball, and the former coach of St Francis Middle School basketball. In addition to Peter's involvement in community sports programs, he was a member of the Lion's Club and on the scholarship committee at the New Britain Boys and Girls Club. One of Peter's proudest moments was when he was able to have a park on Pendleton Road and Sunnyslope Drive in New Britain dedicated to a fallen soldier from the neighborhood. Always the life of the party with a quick joke to share or story to tell, Peter enjoyed making people laugh and he will be missed by many. Left to cherish his memory, are his devoted wife of 57 years, Patricia (O'Hara) Bartlewski, his children, Susan Flaherty and her husband, Kyle of Middletown, NJ, Peter Bartlewski III and his wife, Cheryl of Decatur, GA, Gregory Bartlewski of New Britain, CT and Patricia Damiani and her husband, Anthony of Cheshire, CT. He will be especially missed by his grandchildren, whom he adored, Jack and Julia Bartlewski, Kyle, Keira and Emma Flaherty and Christian and Lauryn Damiani. He also leaves his siblings, Paul Bartlewski, Patricia King, Andrew Bartlewski and his wife, Linda and Maryann Pacyna and her husband, Tom and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family of Peter would like to thank the staff of the Critical Care Unit at the Hospital of Central Connecticut for their kindness and support. Family and friends are invited to call on Thursday, June 16 at Farrell Funeral Home at 110 Franklin Square in New Britain from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and a celebration of life will be held the next morning, Friday, June 17 at Farrell Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery in New Britain, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Center, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To send a condolence please visit, www.FarrellFuneralHome.com



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Deming, Gale H.



Gale H. Deming, 69, lifelong resident of Windsor, beloved wife of Donald Deming passed away at home on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 with her husband by her side. She was born in Hartford, on June 26, 1952; a daughter of the late Russell and Shirley (Purnell) Hallett. Gale attended local school and was a graduate of Windsor High School class of 1970. After graduating she served her country in the Air Force and Air National Guard. She worked as an administrative assistant for the Bloomfield Board of Education for thirty-five years. Gale will be remembered for her spitfire personality and her caring demeanor. She is survived by husband, Donald Deming, her brother, Kenneth Hallett, her mother-in-law, Muriel Deming; her brother-in-law, Dean Carter, and nieces, Jamie Green and Kim Carter. She was predeceased by her sister, Sharon Carter. A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 1816 Poquonock Ave., Windsor, CT. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 17, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with burial to follow in Elm Grove Cemetery. Gale's family wishes to thank her infusion nurse, Tiffany Wood for the compassionate care she provided during her illness. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Gale's memory may be made to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

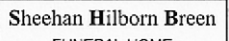


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Heyer, John E.



John E. Heyer, 74, of West Hartford, died June 6, 2022 with his wife Jeanie (Satalino) and daughters Lindsay and Lisa by his side. He was born February 4, 1948 to John F. and Luise (Zeeb) Heyer. John grew up in West Hartford and attended local schools. He graduated from Conard High School in 1966. He graduated with honors from CCSC in 1970 with a double major in Math and Economics and completed post-graduate courses at Trinity College. John was employed by the Travelers Insurance Company for 20 years as a Budget Analyst. He also worked for 20 years at H&R Block as a Tax Preparer. He loved his wife's cooking, doing the daily crossword puzzle, going on long drives, pizza, McDonald's, and being anywhere with Jeanie. John loved all sports. He was able to go to 4 different Olympics (Munich, Montreal, Los Angeles, and Atlanta). He attended World Cup Soccer tournaments, Army / Navy Football games, UCONN basketball games, and countless baseball and World Series games. John especially loved the New York Yankees. He always said that of all the sporting events he ever attended, his biggest thrill was being in Yankee Stadium, with Jeanie, Lindsay, and Lisa on Yogi Berra Day - July 18, 1999 watching David Cone pitch a perfect game! He also was excited to have personally met his three Yankee idols: Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, and Whitey Ford. John leaves his beloved wife Jeanie, his cherished daughters Lindsay Heyer Steele and her husband Christopher of Simsbury, CT, Lisa Heyer Cielez and her husband Richard of Foxboro, MA. He leaves his step-daughters Katie Lipka Love of West Hartford, CT and Kristie Lipka Burk and her family of Chester Springs, PA. In addition, John was an incredibly loving Poppy to his grandchildren: Oliva, Evelyn, and Charles John Steele, Alexander John and Frank Cielez, and Amaya, Dylan, and Kai Love. Funeral Services will be private. The family would like to thank Hartford HealthCare Hospice for their support, especially Jenny, Maria, Rosemarie, Nichol, Stephanie, and Dr. Ross Albert. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Ronald McDonald House of CT, 860 Howard Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.



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Perry, Carla Jean



Carla Jean Perry, 70, of Bristol passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at Bristol Hospital. Carla was born September 24, 1951 in Plattsburgh, NY the daughter of Jean (McGee) Perry of Plantsville and the late Carlton Perry. She was a graduate of Southington High School and Mattatuck Community College Radiology program. She retired from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in 2009. "Carla loved animals, was an avid skier, and a fan of UCONN Women's basketball. She will be remembered for her love of Colorado, Lake Placid NY, and Chazy Lake NY. In recent years, she developed a love of Facebook. She could always be counted on to be the first to comment on posts, and her endearing messages will be sincerely missed. In addition to her mother she leaves her brother, Ricky Perry and his wife Jeanne of Plantsville; her niece Shannon Perry of W. Hartford, her nephew Timothy Perry of Plantsville and multiple cousins. She was predeceased by her brother Kim Perry. The family would like to thank Carla's in home caregivers who became her second family over the past several years. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at 11 a.m. at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery. Calling hours will be prior to the mass from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. Gifts in Carla's memory may be sent to Whiskers Pet Rescue, Bennett Square 134 Main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Thorpe Jr, Richard



Richard F. Thorpe Jr., born June 5, 1954, was a caring husband, proud father and grandfather, brother, and friend. He left this world suddenly on June 8, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones, at the age of 68. Rich was born to Richard Sr. and Irene Thorpe on June 5th, 1954. He lived in Manchester most of his life. A graduate of Manchester High School, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology from Central Connecticut State University, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Rich worked for Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, Windsor and Southington. Rich transferred to the West Palm Beach office where he retired after 35 years of service. Currently, Rich was President of his HOA and Vice President of the POA in his River Bridge community. The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy for Rich. He loved spending an afternoon floating in the pool and reading a book, or playing a round of golf. Rich had a great sense of humor and one of his greatest joys was scaring the bejeekers out of his wife; he was a master at it. His granddaughter Alison nominated Rich for the "Best Tickler" award. He LOVED tickling the grandkids and was looking forward to meeting his newest grandchild arriving later this year. Rich met the love of his life, Raeann, later in life. It was love at first sight and they completed each other in every way. He is predeceased by his parents, Richard and Irene Thorpe, his sisters, Jodie Thorpe and Patricia Aiello, and his infant son, Shawn. He is survived by his wife, Raeann, sons Richard, Ryan and his wife Agustina and their unborn baby, sisters Bobbie Potaki and her husband Jon, Michele Nepaul (Shelly) and her husband Mike, sisters-in-law Paula and Kristen Thibodeau, brothers-in-law Rich Aiello and Mark Thibodeau, step-sons Matthew and Marc Bernier, grandchildren Noah Bernier, Kailee Beaudoin, and Alison Bernier, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Our Family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 15th from 2-4pm at Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, CT. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Special Olympics <https://support.specialolympics.org> on his behalf. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Rossitto , Joseph



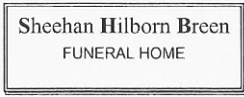
Joseph (Giuseppe, Joe) Rossitto, age 85 of New Smyrna Beach, FL passed away peacefully in Hospice care on January 3, 2022. Joe was born in Siracusa, Sicily in November, 1936 and relocated to Connecticut in 1961. Joe was predeceased by his parents Luciano and Maria Rossitto and his two brothers Carmelo and Frank. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Diane Rossitto, his brothers Sebastian's (Dora), Antonino, Patsy (Debbie), his sister Maria (Ercole) Sabatelli, his brother-in-law Kent (Melanie) Stoddard, his sister-in-law Janet Stoddard and many nieces and nephews. Joe was an avid fan of the Italian soccer team Juventus, the New York Yankees and UCONN men's and women's basketball. Joe worked as a bricklayer and laborer most of his working years and also put in 10+ years at Fafnir Bearing. He enjoyed spending time with his friends at the Italian American Stars in Hartford, get-togethers with family and friends, playing cards, and camping with his nieces and nephew. He was also well known for making great pizza. In later years he loved walking on the beach with his "beach buddies", playing shuffleboard where he became a pro, cruising and travel. Joe will be dearly missed by his family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Church of Christ Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT on June 15th at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Halifax Hospice, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

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Sarkissian, Sally Barlow



Sally Barlow Sarkissian, 75, of West Hartford, passed away at home on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Sally attended Bucknell University, during which she spent summers working for Yellowstone Park and in Virginia Beach, VA and London. After time with a traveling job at Connecticut General, Sally spent more than 30 years at Pension Consultants before her retirement. Sally enjoyed a wide range of service and leisure activities; one of her most dedicated being as a member of the Universalist Church of West Hartford for 30 years. She also spent time with the Friendship Force, Valley Ski Touring Club, the AAUW Gourmet Group, and as an avid biker and cross-country skier. Sally had deep roots in activism, supporting many causes including environmental, mental health, and reproductive rights issues. As a patron of the local arts and history scene, she frequented the Hartford Stage, Real Arts Way, and the Mark Twain House. She was a proud forerunner of the modern trend of not getting married until her 30s and having a daughter later in life. She showed that there are endless possibilities for women of all ages. Predeceased by her beloved husband, Peter M. Sarkissian, and her loving sister, Nancy Letts, Sally leaves behind her adored daughter Holly and dear in-laws, whose children, and grandchildren she treated as her own. A very kind and intelligent woman who was known for her love of ice cream and puns, Sally (and her personalized, heartfelt cards sent for every occasion) will be missed by all. A memorial service will be held at the Universalist Church of West Hartford on Sunday, August 14th, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church, the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), or the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Slye, Edward A.



Edward A. Slye, 94, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 20, 2022. He was born on September 14, 1927, in Canton, OH, one of four children to the late George E. and Felicia (Uricchio) Slye. Ed graduated from East Hartford High School with the class of 1945. Upon completion of high school, he continued his education where he earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Kansas. He married Jeanne Lawson and had two children, Debra and Scott. Ed proudly served his country during the Korean War for seven years with the United States Air Force before his honorable discharge. He left the service which he truly loved to devote his time to his family. Ed was employed with the former Stanley Works Steel Strapping, now Stanley Black and Decker, in New Britain for over 27 years before his retirement in 1982. In his spare time, he loved spending time outdoors hunting and fishing and as he grew older, enjoyed time out on the golf course. He was also quite the handyman fixing items around his home and enjoyed lending a helping hand to anyone who asked. Ed is survived by his son, Scott E. Slye and his wife Marcy (Galinsky) of Naples, FL; his son-in-law Ronald Kinney of Avon; two sisters, Nancy Wagner of La Cañada Flintridge, CA and Judy Nowak and her husband Bob of Mesa, AZ; his close friend of 25 years Diane Sauer of Ashford, CT as well as his best friend Lou Oken of West Hartford. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Debra Kinney; his sister Janet Gaal and the mother of his children Jeanne (Lawson) Slye. He also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, as well as his friends from the West Hartford and East Hartford neighborhoods. Ed's family would like to express their gratitude and offer a special thanks to his friends and neighbors for their generosity and assistance over the last few years. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 12 p.m. in Mountain View Cemetery, Sand Rd., North Canaan, CT 06018. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the West Hartford Food Pantry, 50 S. Main St., West Hartford, CT 06107. To leave a message of condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Zampaglione, James R.



James R. Zampaglione, 80, of The Villages, FL, passed away November 15, 2021. Jim was the husband of Janice (Berube) Zampaglione of 58 years. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 71 North Street, Goshen, CT 06756. Kindly visit www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com to view a full obituary. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Anderson, Gladys M (Wilson)



Gladys Marie (Wilson) Anderson was born on December 10, 1944, in Reidsville, NC. She is predeceased by her mother, Dorothy Marie Pinnix, and father Pleas Jackson, as well as a significant line of family members. She departed this life on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at her residence in Georgia, surrounded by her devoted family. She leaves to mourn her loss - her devoted husband, Wilfred A. Anderson; her committed daughter, Cheryl Anderson; her grandson, Joshua Coleman, and a host of other family and dear friends. Ms. Gladys was truly a remarkable woman with great strength and character. Her legacy will live on in the lives of those she touched, with an indelible imprint that will never be forgotten.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Grace Worship Center Church, 750 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford Ct. at 1:00 pm. Thomas Poteet & Son Funeral Directors, 214 Davis Rd., Augusta, GA 30907 (706) 364-8484. Please sign the guestbook at www.thomaspoteet.com

DeBarbieri, Antoinette Marie

Antoinette Marie DeBarbieri, 72, of Bloomfield, beloved daughter of the late Louis V. and Helen Esther (Quinn) DeBarbieri, died Tuesday, June 7, 2022. She was born July 11, 1949 in Hartford and had lived in Simsbury for many years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Simsbury.

She is survived by niece Jennifer, sister-in-law Songhee and great nephew Ezra. She was predeceased by her brother Louis "Butch" DeBarbieri. Known as Toni or Nettie, she loved living at her home in Bloomfield that was supported by HARC and attending the HARC Day Program. She loved baking, coloring and doing art work, but most of all, she loved enjoying a cup of tea! She was very loved by all of her caregivers who hold many fond memories of their many years with her.

Calling hours will be held from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM on Tuesday, June 14th at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church, 942 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury with burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Tariffville. Donation in her memory may be made to HARC, 900 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06104. Please visit Toni's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

Ernst, Udo



Udo Ernst, of East Granby, passed away on May 17, 2022 in Krefeld, Germany. He was born the youngest of four boys in Reichenstein, Germany to Walter and Margarete Ernst. He immigrated to America in 1966 , planning to only stay for three years. After falling in love with the USA he never left. He and his wife Brigitte

raised their family in Manchester, Tariffville and East Granby. Udo worked as a tool maker at Hamilton Standard. He enjoyed bike riding, boxing, all cars, dancing, road trips , jazz/zydeco music, hot food and travel. His idols included Muhammad Ali and Lois Armstrong. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, optimism and zest for life! He leaves behind his son Oliver Ernst of Krefeld, Germany his daughter and son in law Susanne and Peter Vignati of Bloomfield and his grandsons Eric, Andrew and Patrick. He also leaves behind his partner Ingrid Kohler and his brother and sister in law Micheal and Brunhilda Ernst, all in Germany. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers Horst and Ingo Ernst. A celebration of his life will be held at a future date. Donations can be made in Udo's name to the Fildelco Foundation in Bloomfield, CT .

Thomas, Janet



Janet L. Thomas, 76, of Ivoryton, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2022.

Janet is survived by her three adored children, Lisa Westerman, Frank Thomas (Ashley), and Jason Thomas (Jessica); her sisters, Lorraine Banville and Pauline Baraby (William "Bill" Baraby); her precious grandchildren, Timothy Westerman (Willow),

Andrew Westerman, Arin Wheeler (Brian), Harleigh Thomas (Derek), Dylan Thomas, Nathan Thomas, and Zoe Thomas; and her beloved great-grandchildren, Richie and Timothy. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Denise Canuel, her brother, Robert Canuel, and her son-in-law, Rick Westerman. Janet's family will receive friends from 2-4PM on Friday, June 17, 2022, at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main St., Centerbrook, CT 06409. A prayer service will be held at 3:45PM. A reception celebrating Janet's life will follow at Clark Memorial Field ("Fireman's Field), 210 Elm St., Old Saybrook. In lieu of flowers, donations in Janet's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., I-91 Tech Ctr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067, or to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory or condolence message with Janet's family, please visit www.rwwfh.com.

Woods, Jeannette D.



Jeannette Doreen Woods, 56, of Newington, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Jeannette is survived by her children, Patrice M. Woods of Wethersfield, Shaun M. Woods of Newington, and Briana M. Woods of Newington; her granddaughter, who meant the world to her, Mea I.R. Henry; her brother, Gerald G. Hart, Jr.; her sister, and best friend, Donna A. Gibson-Hancox; her love and canine companion, Quincy; and a host of other relatives and friends. Her family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 15, 10-11 a.m., with a Celebration of Life, 11 a.m., at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. Burial will be private.

To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Adler , Doris



Doris Rubin Adler of Manchester, CT and Bonita Springs, FL died Friday, June 10, 2022, at 90 years of age. She was born in Everett, MA to Harry and Martha Rubin, one of five children and two sets of twins. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 57 years, Sheldon Adler, her brother Arnold, twin brothers Larry and Paul.

She is survived by her twin brother Bob, her daughters Debbie Adler Kaprove and her husband Michael, Susan Adler Maloney and her husband Glen, her three grandsons, Adam Kaprove and his wife Sarah, Jared Kaprove and his wife Caitlin, Daniel Meyer Maloney and three great grandchildren, Emma, Abigail and Eleanor.

Doris was the person to call when you needed to see the positive side of the issue. She loved golfing with Shelly, having her family for Friday night dinners and sleepovers with her grandsons.

A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, June 13th at 11:30am at Beth Sholom Memorial Park Cemetery, 222 Autumn Street, Manchester, CT with Shiva to be observed at the home of Susan and Glen Maloney on Monday evening. Donations can be made to Temple Beth Sholom B'nai Israel - the Sheldon and Doris Adler Fund, Manchester CT, the Alzheimer's Association, Temple Beth Shalom of Naples Florida or to any charity of the donor's choice. To watch the livestream and to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.blumensteinfunerals.com

Gorneault, Lilea Marie



Lilea Marie Gorneault, 95, of Berlin, wife of 64 years to the late Paul Gorneault passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Ledgecrest Health Care Center. Born in New Canada Plantation Maine, a daughter of the late Arthur and Eugenie (Bouchard) Saucier. Lilea enjoyed fishing, gardening,

having family gatherings for the holidays and dancing joyfully to the instrumentals of her siblings at the French Model Club in New Britain and was a member of St. Paul Church, Kensington. Lilea is survived by four sons: Roland (Marjorie) Gorneault of Fort Kent, Maine, Larry Gorneault of Middletown, Robert (Denise) Gorneault of Berlin, Bruce (Maryori) Gorneault of Venice, Florida, five daughters: Ida Campbell of Berlin, Pauline (Jeff) Matson of Berlin, Arlene Ferreira of Port Charlotte, Florida, Brinda (Michael) Gieras of Northport, Florida and Anna (Tim) Landon of Berlin and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lilea was predeceased by two grandsons: Ricky Gorneault and Keith Bayer. Everyone is asked to go directly to St. Paul Church, 456 Alling St, Kensington on Thursday June 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will follow at Maple Cemetery in Berlin. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Berlin Food Pantry, Community Services, 240 Kensington Rd, Kensington CT 06037

Hayes, Vicki L.

Ms. Vicki Lynn McEwen Brayall Hayes, 70, of Homosassa, FL (formerly of Southington, CT) entered into eternal rest on Friday, June 3, 2022. Vicki was born on May 20, 1952 in Fort Fairfield, Maine to the late William Clement McEwen and Lorraine Joyce McEwen. She is survived by her children, Richard L. Brayall (Kim) of Southington, Jason S. Brayall (Carma) of Gold Hill, NC, and Shannon E. Champagne (Daniel) of Terryville; sisters, Sheila Goodell (Richard) of Bristol, Susan Termini (Frank) of Wallingford, and Donna Oliver (Jim) of Weeki Wachee, FL.; brother Michael McEwen (Anne-Marie) of Middletown. She is also survived by the loves of her life, her grandchildren, Richard, Kyra, and Connor Brayall of Southington; Michael, Kaitlyn, Austin, and Westin of North Carolina; and Tyler and Morgan Champagne of Terryville; four great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and numerous close friends. Vicki was predeceased by her oldest brother William "Billy" McEwen, her first husband and father of her children, Richard C. Brayall. She was the wife of the late Pearl E. Hayes. Arrangements will be made for her Celebration of Life at the discretion of her children.

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Kielb, Bernadette (Czellec)



Bernadette (Czellec) Kielb, 66, of New Britain, passed away on Tuesday June 7, 2022. She is survived by her children Sheri-Kielb-Mascaro (Adam), Susan Kielb, Robert Kielb, Jr and her grandchildren, Alivia, Nathan and John. A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Memorial contributions may be forwarded to her family to assist with funeral costs to Sheri Kielb-Mascaro, 190 Tollgate Rd., Middletown, CT 06457. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biega-funeralhome.com.

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Protasewich, Marian



Marian Protasewich, 96, of Charlotte, NC, formerly of Hartford, Manchester, and Avon, CT, passed into the loving arms of her Savior on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at Carrington Place Rehabilitation & Living Center, Matthews, NC. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Andrew and Katherine (Cap) Protasewich, she resided in North Carolina for the past twenty-one years.

Marian was a member of Manchester Church of the Nazarene, and a current member of Christ Covenant Church (PCA), Matthews, NC. She had been employed by The Royal Typewriter Company and its successors for 46 years, retiring in 1991. She was predeceased by her siblings, Alice Gurski, Nicholas A. Protasewich, Ann McTeague and John Protasewich. Marian felt very blessed to have her family in her life, and her strong faith in God was evident to all who knew her. She traveled globally including such places as the Holy Land, Asia, India, Europe, and Africa. She leaves several nieces, nephews, grand nephews, and grand nieces, among whom are, Robert and Debra Protasewich of Bethlehem, GA, Ronald and Joanne Protasewich of Duxbury, MA, Richard and Kennie Protasewich of Weddington, NC, Tim and Debbie Gurski of Manchester, CT, and Tom and Dawn Richard of Spartanburg, SC. A private service will be held in Weddington, NC and burial will be in Buckland Cemetery, Manchester, CT. Contributions in her memory may be made to Christ Covenant Church, 800 Fullwood Lane, Matthews, NC 28104.

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Kallberg, Jeannine (Angers)



Jeannine (Angers) Kallberg, 91, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2022 at her home with family. She was the beloved wife of the late Raymond M. Kallberg. Jeannine was born in Bristol on August 26, 1930, daughter of the late Lucien and Malvina (Cyr) Angers. She was a longtime Newington resident and a devoted member of Church of the Holy Spirit.

Jeannine will be remembered as loving friend to all, and a gracious hostess who always had room for one more at the table. She most enjoyed time spent with family, especially many memorable gatherings at Rogers Lake. Jeannine loved playing card games with lifelong friends from Bristol and Newington.

A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt, Jeannine is survived by her children, Michael Kallberg of Newington and his fiancée, Maryann Kelly; Timothy Kallberg of Rocky Hill; Linda Cruff and her partner, Mark Ripley, of Coventry and Don Kallberg and his wife Catherine of Bethel; grandchildren, Eric, Stacey, Scott, Jenna, Lindsey, Carly, Allison, Philip, Mary Cate, and David; great-grandchildren TJ, Jack, Avery, Sydney, Jaxson and Kassandra; as well as several nieces and nephews. Jeannine was predeceased by her son-in-law Jeffrey Cruff and brothers Marcel Angers and Gilles Angers.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jeannine's family on Thursday, June 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her funeral will begin from the funeral home on Friday, June 17th at 9:00 a.m. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit, Newington. Burial will follow in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. Memorial donations in Jeannine's name may be made to www.als.org. To share a condolence with her family, please visit www.newingtonmemorial.com.



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Krivickas, Albert



Albert D. Krivickas, 93, of South Windsor, beloved and devoted husband of the late Dora (Lamagna) Krivickas, peacefully entered eternal life on May 29, 2022, at Suffield By The River in Suffield, CT. Born in Brooklyn, NY on April 17, 1929, he was the youngest son of the late Charles K. and Anele (Nosikov) Krivickas. Albert was a graduate of Ellsworth

Memorial High School in South Windsor where he resided for the remainder of his life. He attended the University of Connecticut and received a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Hartford. He was employed at United Technologies in Windsor Locks where he was a Purchasing Manager. Appreciated for his sharp sense of humor and generosity, Albert was further admired for his intellect and broad knowledge. Having been recognized for his role in contributing to the design of the backpack for astronauts, he received a prestigious award from NASA, having also worked on the Apollo 13 Mission. Some of his passions were farming and gardening on his property, visiting the public library, and frequently taking his children fishing on the Mijoy in Niantic. Albert proudly served in the United States Air Force during World War II. Albert was revered to as a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother. He was predeceased by his daughter Sandra Devitt and husband Richard Devitt. He is survived by his two sons, Albert "Chuck" Krivickas and wife Christina and their five children, David, Cory, Laura, Joshua, and Sammantha; and his son Robert Krivickas. Albert also leaves his sister, Julia K. Dzen, sister-in-law, Dorothy J. Krivickas, his step-son, Robert Whitney and wife Connie and their three children, step-daughter Patricia Allery and her two sons; grandson Gary Colty and wife Corrie and two children; along with many nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed. Albert was a member of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor. A private family graveside with Military Honors will be held at St. Patrick's King St. Cemetery, Enfield. Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels has care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com.

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LeBelle, Louis



Louis LeBelle, 92, of Burlington, beloved husband of Lois (Dlugokenski) LeBelle died Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at his home. He was born July 29, 1929 in Collinsville son of the late Edward and Bertha (Couture) LeBelle and has lived in Burlington most of his life. He was a veteran of the Korean War having served in the U. S. Army from 1951 to 1953. In 1956, Lou married

the love of his life, his wife of 65 years, Lois. Mr. LeBelle was employed as a truck driver for Ryder Truck for many years prior to his retirement in 1996. He was a long-time member of the Burlington Men's Club where he enjoyed playing cards. Lou loved his family and found such joy in his grandchildren, great grandchildren and great nieces. Lou is at peace and reunited with his daughter Donna.

Besides his loving wife, Lou is survived by a son, Douglas LeBelle and his partner Kevin Reid of Amherst, MA; his sisters, Dorothy Fioretti of Avon and Claire Dlubac of Avon; nieces and nephews, his three grandchildren, Marie, Jessica and Grace Barth, two great grandchildren Haylie and Troy and two great nieces who were grandchildren in his heart, Karlie Whitmore and Valerie Neuhausser. In addition to his beloved daughter Donna Barth, Lou was predeceased by his sisters, Jeannette Crimm Valley, Mary Blanchette and Joan Blanchette and his brother, Adrian LeBelle. The family would like to thank Bristol Home Care & Hospice and CT Community Home Care Program. Without their assistance, we wouldn't have been able to fulfill Lou's wish to remain in his home. A special thank you to his devoted caregiver, Julianne Eyong Ayuk.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 15th at St. Patrick's Church, 50 Church Street in Collinsville. Burial with military honors will follow in the St. Patrick's section of Burlington Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Burlington Men's Club Scholarship Fund, 44 Covey Road, Burlington, CT 06013. The Vincent Funeral Home of Canton is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Lou's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Balfour, Barbara (Yvonne)



Barbara Yvonne Balfour passed away in peace on Monday May 30, 2022 at the age of 63, at her Daughter's home in Covington, Georgia. Barbara is a beloved mother and grandmother. She dedicated most of her life serving in the ministries of the Rehoboth Church of God in Bloomfield, Connecticut. Barbara Lived in Connecticut for over 35 years after migrating from Jamaica, WI in 1986. Barbara worked full time for the town of East Hartford from 2001 to 2017, as an Accounts Clerk. She started in the tax office and then transferred to the Inspections & Permits Department. Barbara also worked part time at the Oak Hill Group Home, in Hartford Connecticut, for over 13 years. Barbara has left behind to mourn her; Mother: Daphne Fisher; Brothers: Errol Allen UK; Orville Allen JA; Nigel Allen UK; Courtney Allen JA; Trevor Allen (predeceased) UK; Garth Allen (predeceased) JA. Daughter: Stacey Ann Dew; Son: Daniel Malik Balfour; Son-in-Law: Safii Dew. Grand children: Sierra Dew; Sebastian Dew; and Ella Balfour. Adopted Family the Goodisons; her beloved cousins: Cambar Edwards; Anne Fisher; Along with a host of nieces, Nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral Services for the late Barbara Balfour will be held at Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory, 1999 Hwy 138 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. On Monday, June 13, 2022 at 11 am. A memorial service will be held on Friday June 17, 2022 at the Rehoboth Church of God, 1170 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Ct 06002, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

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Hart, Loretta M.



Loretta M. Hart, age 87 of West Hartford, entered into eternal rest on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the West Hartford Health & Rehabilitation Center. Loretta was born January 5, 1935 in New Britain, CT; the beloved daughter of the late Frederick & Addie Hart. Loretta enjoyed the New York Yankees and UCONN basketball. In her early years Loretta attended classes in Karate earning her a black belt. She was an avid lottery player and enjoyed travelling with her sister, Virginia. In her more recent years, Loretta enjoyed painting and would think nothing of giving her paintings away to anyone she came across. Loretta is survived by her nephew, Gary Roman and wife Sue Roman of Lakeland, FL; sister-in-law, Betty Hart of Canton, CT; many other nieces and nephews; and very dear friends, Betty and Don Dionne of Willimantic, CT. In addition to her parents, Lorretta was predeceased by her three sisters, Virginia Roman, Marion Buttons, and Arlene Quidgeon; brother, William Hart; brother-in-law, William Roman; niece, Nancy Roman; and nephew, Terry Roman. A Memorial Service Honoring Loretta's Life will be held Monday, June 13, 2022 from 3:00PM - 6:00PM and Tuesday, June 14, 2022 from 9:00AM - 10:00AM at Luddy-Peterson Funeral Home, 205 South Main Street, New Britain, CT. 06051. Interment will follow on Tuesday to West Cemetery, 180 N. Washington St., Plainville, CT 06062. Share a condolence or special memory of "Loretta" at www.luddyandpetersonfh.com.

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Sherman, Phyllis Meshell



Phyllis Meshell Sherman, 72, of South Windsor, passed away peacefully on Friday May 27, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Phyllis was born a fighter on November 24, 1949, at 2 lbs 9 1/2 ounces, in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Robert and Bessie (Johnson) Dennard, Sr. Phyllis leaves to cherish her memory, three daughters, Tawania Sherman of Hartford, La'Meisha Sherman of Manchester, and Tamaria Sherman of Hartford; a sister, Vernelle Mckenzie of Warner Robins, Georgia; four grandchildren, Krystal Sherman, Tracen Sherman, TaNajia Smith and Taraeha Shelton, several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and close friends. Along with her parents, Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband Willie Sherman, Jr.; sister, Linda Dennard, and two brothers, Dennis Dennard and Robert Dennard, Jr.; mother in-law, Omega Lowe; sister in-law, Louise Williams, and brother's in-law, Louis Lowe, and Calvin Lowe. Phyllis' family will celebrate her life at 10am, Saturday, June 18, 2022, at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 9am-10am. For the complete obituary and online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneral-home.com



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Weller, Richard G.



Richard Galen Weller passed away May, 19, 2022 at Manchester Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Richard was born July 3, 1954 in Manchester, CT., the son of George and Sylvia Weller. Rich worked at the frontier of the computer industry employed 20 years with Unisys Corporation (formerly Burroughs) in Windsor, CT. He then proceeded to open his own computer business, Wellco Sales & Leasing which serviced the Board of Education in numerous towns, hotels, banks, and many other businesses throughout New England. Later in life Rich reinvented himself as a realtor working for RE/MAX, Prudential, and Century 21. Richard was a man of many talents and interests. He was an accomplished collector and car enthusiast. His antique cars won many awards. Rich loved riding his motorcycle throughout the countryside. He was also devoted to his 2 dogs Boo and Puppy Weller. He was active in the local rotary where he served as Vice President.

Richard leaves behind his loving wife of 31 years, Michele. He will be missed by his cherished children Alexander Weller, Tory Mucci and Michael D'Angelos as well as his 3 grandchildren Autumn Mucci, Nicholas D'Angelos and Juliana Mucci. He is survived by his brother Roger Weller, niece Rachel Weller and nephew Roger Weller Jr. of Winn, Maine. The family requests with gratitude, and in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the Stafford Food Pantry, Safe Net Ministries, P.O. Box 93, Stafford Springs, CT. 06076. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, June 17 at 11:00 am, at St. Edwards Church, 55 High St., Stafford Springs, CT.

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Ilg, Jacqueline (Jolly)



Jacqueline (Jolly) Ilg, 89, of West Hartford, beloved wife of Albert G. Ilg, passed away Wednesday, January 12, 2022. She eventually settled in Windsor CT where she served in many local organizations over the nearly 50 years she lived in Windsor; especially involved with her daughter's activities. She leaves to mourn her passing: the love of her life, her husband of 66 years, Albert Ilg of West Hartford; her daughters Jennifer Scillia (Robert) of West Hartford and Betsy Ilg of Marina Del Rey CA; and granddaughter Samantha Scillia. Jackie's family would like to invite friends and family to a Reception and Celebration of Her Life, on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 1-3 PM at the Windsor Historical Society, 96 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, to greet the family and share memories. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jackie's name to a charity of your choice. To leave condolences or for further information, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Kelly, Walter F.



Walter F. Kelly, 95, of Canton, passed away on June 8, 2022, at Governor's House in Simsbury. He was born in New York City on December 3, 1926, to William and Harriet (Sherwood) Kelly, the third of nine siblings, he is survived by Madelyn Robbins of Deep River, and Gerald Kelly of Austin, TX., he was predeceased by William Jr., Robert, Dorothy, Kathleen, Martin and Roy. The family moved to Connecticut, and he graduated in 1944 from Old Saybrook High School. After graduation he enlisted in the US Navy and served on the "Thetis Bay" in the Pacific. On returning, he moved to Hartford where he met and married Sylvia Gangell. They were together for 55 years until her passing in 2012. They were both active in the North Canton Community United Methodist Church since 1969. Walter earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Hartford and worked at Pratt & Whitney in West Hartford and the Wiremold Co. as manager of product development, retiring in 1986. Funeral services will be held at a later date at North Canton Methodist Church and burial will take place in the memorial garden. In lieu of flowers donations in Walter's memory may be made to the North Canton Community United Methodist Church, PO Box 311, North Canton, CT 06059. Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon has care of the arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Cast members of “Kiss My Aztec!,” co-written by John Leguizamo and director Tony Taccone, rehearse in Hartford on May 12. ALAN ARIAS PHOTOS/AP

Welcome to the big time

By John Leguizamo

Sunday is American theater’s biggest night: the Tony Awards. Given the persistence of COVID-19, it’s a miracle that 34 new shows managed to open to compete for this evening’s trophies. Even more miraculous — to this veteran brown-skinned actor, anyway — is that an Afro-Latina, the amazing Ariana DeBose, is hosting the whole ball o’ mofongo.

This is a small victory for Latinx performers and creatives, and a testament to theater’s standing as a place where societal problem-solving often starts. We are the country’s largest ethnic group, comprising nearly 20% of the U.S. population. But you wouldn’t know this from watching TV or going to the movies.

According to a UCLA report published last year, television shows starring Latinx and Hispanic actors made up just 7.1% of the total number of scripted programming on broadcast networks, 4.7% on streaming platforms and 3.9% on cable. A 2021 study by USC Annenberg’s Inclusion Initiative found similar ratios in film.

Theater, by contrast, is the medium that gave Latinx artists like Lin-Manuel Miranda and myself the opportunity to develop our stuff and to discover that — guess what? — our own peculiar brands of freakiness hold wide appeal!

That’s great, but it’s still not enough. If we’re 20% of America, why aren’t we represented

proportionally in American entertainment? Why aren’t we telling 20% of its stories?

These questions are part of what motivated me to make my first foray into musical theater, via my new show, “Kiss My Aztec!,” which opened on Friday at Hartford Stage. Don’t worry, I’m not in it; I can’t carry a tune for the life of me. But this musical comedy is an opportunity for our brilliant cast of 15, all actors of Latinx, Black and/or AAPI ancestry, to shine. In big, fat roles, too, not the usual “Si, señor” walk-ons or “Ay yi yi” explosions of stereotypical hysteria.

“Kiss My Aztec!,” which I co-wrote with Tony Taccone and the songwriting team of Benjamin Velez and David Kamp, also



Leguizamo is a Tony Award-winning writer, comedian and actor. His iconic solo shows have been seen on and off Broadway. “Kiss My Aztec!,” now playing at Hartford Stage through June 26, marks his first musical collaboration.

provides the chance to tell an important story from Latinx history: of the Spanish conquistadors’ erasure of the Aztec Empire. This event marks the tragic end of something, but it is also the beginning of us: Latin America as we know it today, the multihued, complicated consequence of centuries of indigenous people mixing with Europeans, Africans and whoever else was thrown into the mix, voluntarily or, too often, involuntarily.

In our show, we cheat a little by giving our Aztec rebels a fighting chance to defeat the Spaniards. But hey, that’s what you get to do when you assume the creative reins. I started doing this in the ancient days of my youth, when I decided to get into acting. I was an avid student of theater, which was my passport to places I had never been. As a spectator, I could be in the South with Tennessee Williams, in

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Seeking gun safety legislation is the loneliest place



Kevin Rennie

Congress is moving closer to adopting gun safety legislation. As of Thursday, a bipartisan group of senators was discussing providing incentives to states to adopt red-flag laws, expanded background checks that include access to juvenile records, and increase the age requirements for the purchase of rifles.

Schools, churches, synagogues and grocery stores have been the sites of mass murders, most recently an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. The dead shooter appears to have been a famil-

iar type that torments random victims and our nation — friendless and isolated. Like the others, the Uvalde killer had easy access to powerful weapons, including the mass murderer’s gun of choice, an AR-15 rifle.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution refers to a well-regulated militia as the predicate to the right to bear arms. No militia, well-regulated or otherwise, would want any of these monsters as a member. There are more guns than people in the United States. We have a right to draw lines and impose restrictions. A segment of our population continues to equate broad freedoms with the right to possess guns. They are a narrow segment of our citizens, but they are loud, persistent and vote in Republican primaries.

Matthew McConaughey, the Oscar-winning actor who grew up in Uvalde, went to Washington to make the essential argument: A hefty majority of Americans wants our government to keep powerful weapons out of the hands of murderous lunatics. McConaughey pointed out that the middle ground of Americans’ views is crowded with people who agree. What he did not say is that it’s also the loneliest place if you are looking for leaders.

The negotiations in Washington include Connecticut’s two U.S. senators, Christopher Murphy and Richard Blumenthal for the Democrats. They have resigned themselves to incrementalism. Blumenthal has been

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Brad Fowler, of San Antonio, lights candles at a memorial dedicated to the victims of the recent mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. ERIC GAY/AP

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OPINION

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Abortion clinics, patients still need protection

By Roxanne Sutocky

I work with the Hartford GYN Center here in Connecticut, and when we saw the leak of a Supreme Court draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade, our clinic team was rattled. Our fears were becoming reality; we could soon lose the federal right to abortion access.

When I heard the news, I was heartbroken for the millions of people across the country whose state politicians will now double down on their anti-abortion agenda, and I couldn't help but be thankful that here in Connecticut, state laws will protect our right to abortion if Roe falls.

Abortion is legal and available in Connecticut, and independent clinics like ours are here to provide care. Amid nationwide threats to abortion access, our elected

leaders in Connecticut are ensuring that we will be a safe haven for abortion access. Lawmakers recently passed HB 5414, a bill to help protect the rights and safety of patients who travel from states such as Texas and Oklahoma to Connecticut for abortions they can't get in their home state, as well as the providers who care for them.

This legislation is an important step in the right direction, but there's still work that needs to be done to ensure abortion is not only legal but fully accessible in Connecticut.

Emboldened by an increase in anti-abortion legislation and rhetoric nationwide, anti-abortion extremists are showing up in full force to harass people at clinics. What many people don't realize is that these extremists are not peacefully protesting in public spaces, rather, they are hurling

insults, threatening violence, blocking access to entrances and creating an unsafe environment for patients and providers at clinics.

Just last year, we had to move our Hartford clinic to a location in Bloomfield because an anti-abortion "crisis pregnancy center" opened next to our clinic, going so far as to copy our name. This is not unique to our clinic — anti-abortion activists set up these kinds of operations across the country. We must educate our communities about this and destigmatize abortion so extremists can no longer exploit misunderstanding and stigma to trick people and block them from getting the health care they deserve.

It's also time to build our power at the local level and call on our representatives to champion a bolder agenda for reproduc-

tive justice that builds on and expands the protections in HB 5414. We need to protect abortion clinics grappling with the threat of harassment and violence by calling on our representatives to invest funding in clinic support. With adequate resources, we can ensure our clinics are secure and equip our volunteers and staff to monitor and document threats and harassment. Individually, too, we can help donate resources and volunteer at independent clinics and abortion funds that play a critical role in our Connecticut community. We need to destigmatize abortion and give our friends, family and neighbors the information and resources they need to make informed decisions about if, when or how to parent.

I'll continue showing up each day to support the abortion providers I work with as we

connect people with care, but we need your support too. Now is the moment to talk to your friends, neighbors and co-workers about what's at stake not only nationwide, but right here in Connecticut. We need your help to ensure that our clinics remain safe and we can continue to offer compassionate abortion care for all people in our state.

Abortion is essential health care. Abortion is about freedom, financial stability, gender equality and the autonomy to shape our lives the way we want to. It is one of the most important rights we have, and we must do everything in our power to protect it.

Roxanne Sutocky is the director of community engagement at The Women's Centers, a collective of independent clinics including Hartford GYN Center.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Biden administration must cut energy restrictions

Vladimir Putin's war on Ukraine is financed by Russia's oil and gas industry, which is benefiting from its virtual monopoly on Western Europe's energy as well as the worldwide excessive cost of oil and gas. The world's high oil and gas costs are currently driven, in great part, by the Biden administration's disastrous energy policy, i.e., the systematic regulatory dismantlement of our nation's oil and gas industry, which has driven gasoline, diesel fuel and energy costs to their highest levels in our nation's history. The Biden administration must abandon its Orwellian energy policies and remove the federal government's collective regulatory knee from the United States oil and gas industry so that our nation will have lower energy costs, energy independence and be able to provide

Western Europe with a reliable alternative source of energy.
David Walpole, Glastonbury

It's not voters; GOP suffers from lack of courage

Jonah Goldberg's column on June 2 [Page 12], "NRA not driving GOP's gun agenda," tries to make the case that it's actually voters and not money that is the reason nothing gets done on gun control. This is totally disingenuous. Public opinion polls (including Republicans) are in favor of many reforms, including universal background checks, red flag laws and even assault rifle bans.

The influence of money is one factor, but the gun lobby is very vocal, and the overriding concern of GOP officeholders is being primaried from the right. There are some

in the GOP who would support sensible gun legislation, but lack the courage to take a principled stand. Goldberg knows this yet blames voters for not favoring change. Give me a break.
John McGarry, Simsbury

Jonah Goldberg has misled his readers

Jonah Goldberg might not share my views, but I've always considered him a thoughtful commentator. But I believe he has misled readers, intentionally or not, by suggesting that the power of lobbying organizations to influence Congress is associated with how much money they contribute [Page 12, June 2, "NRA not driving GOP's gun agenda"]. That is hardly the case for many, if not all, lobbying efforts. It is not the NRA's monetary contributions

to members of Congress that affects those lawmakers' decision-making, but how that organization influences the opinions of its voting members and many others who pay attention to the positions it promotes. Mr. Goldberg rightly noted the power of voters to influence their representatives but failed to acknowledge how those voters are, in turn, influenced by well-organized special interest groups.

I don't know if the Fox network lobbies Congress, but its influence over voters is obvious. Likewise, there are religious organizations that exhort members to take certain social and political stands even though they don't make direct political contributions. So, while direct campaign contributions, depending on the source, can certainly play a role in congressional decisions, they are not always the most effective tool that special interest groups use to influence legislation.
Michael Santese, Tolland

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London with Harold Pinter, or in Kansas with William Inge. But as an actor, I couldn't go anywhere but the janky street corner, where my characters were always either selling drugs or getting busted for selling drugs.

This exclusionary reality motivated me to create my own material. It was the only way I could tell stories that represented the full spectrum of Latinx experiences I knew. I drew strength not from the entertainment and media complexes but from the real world, which is populated by people who look like me. As I built up my collection of one-man shows, from "Mambo Mouth" to "Latin History for Morons," an audience found me.

Some of this audience, I recognized, was not a traditional theater crowd. These people were paying prices they could barely afford just so they could feel validated, to see versions of themselves and their culture onstage. Just so they could feel

the entirety of their experience — the joyous, the tragic, the mysterious, and the outright absurd — represented onstage. Representation doesn't have to be a solemn exercise in bleak drama and oppression chic. It can be fun! That's why we made sure "Kiss My Aztec!" gives our very funny actors a chance to be clowns — to be as goofy and silly and moony as Josh Gad and Sutton Foster get to be on Broadway.

I will not rest until we have truly shifted the paradigm and shows like "Kiss My Aztec!" are commonplace rather than outliers. I hope that when young folks of Latinx heritage check us out at Hartford Stage, they'll be empowered to become creators themselves. To those kids I say, consider this show a door opening, a welcome, better late than never, to the big time.

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Yaní Marín and Joel Pérez, center, in "Kiss My Aztec!" at La Jolla Playhouse in California in 2019. COURTESY

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at the forefront of advocating and, it appears, shaping a red-flag law, which allows someone who sees behavior that indicates a danger to himself or others to petition law enforcement or a court to intervene. These laws may become more effective as mass murderers continue to publish their intentions on the internet.

The only controversy over raising the age to purchase an assault weapon from 18 years to 21 year

ought to be why it was not done long ago. Negotiators are exploring giving law enforcement officials access to a gun purchaser's juvenile records as part of expanded background checks. Life does not begin at 18 or 21. Connecticut has been through the ordeal of policies based on the premise that there are no insights to be gained by law enforcement officials or judges having access to juvenile records.

Some states impose a waiting period between the purchase date of a weapon and the day on which the buyer is allowed to take possession of it. A waiting

period may provide time for a murderous impulse to diminish or, more common for handgun purchases, to thwart a suicide. Waiting periods are not part of Senate negotiations.

There will be a lot of money sloshing around any bill that Congress passes as incentives for states to act. One to include: no money to states that underwrite the retail sales of guns — like Connecticut. Less than a year after 2012 slaughter at the Sandy Hook School, former Gov. Dannel P. Malloy provided more than \$30 million in state assistance to Bass Pro Shops to build

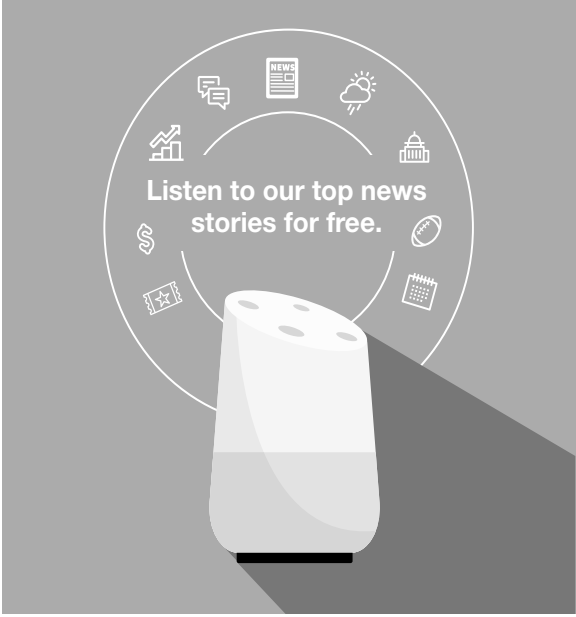
a store and sell guns in Bridgeport — at the same time the city was engaged in a gun buyback program. Bass Pro Shops was selling assault weapons in states that had not banned them, which was most states.

Murphy and Blumenthal raised no objection to the state providing a massive subsidy to a gun retailer while they were in Washington raging against the proliferation of guns. They were joined in silence by every other state official.

NBC News political reporter Jonathan Allen on Tuesday's Bulwark podcast provided a

simple way to measure the seriousness of any bill that makes it through the Senate. The more likely senators "are to get something done, the less it is they are doing." A bill that wins the minimum 60 votes will include more effective reforms than one that wins 70.

In the aftermath of Uvalde, the public cried out for something to be done. If senators who are in the thrall virulent gun advocates vote for a proposal, it will signal, sadly, not that the message has at last gotten through, but that the compromise is on the edge of meaningless.



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COMMENTARY

Primaries show crime could be big issue in midterms



Paul Krugman

Results from Tuesday's primaries in California suggest that crime may be a big issue in the midterm elections. In San Francisco, a progressive prosecutor was ousted in a recall vote. In Los Angeles, a businessman and former Republican who has run for mayor on the promise to be a big crime fighter made a strong showing.

It's not hard to see why crime has moved up on the political agenda. Murders surged nationwide in 2020 and ticked up further in 2021, although we don't really know why. Right-wingers blame Black Lives Matter, because of course they do. A more likely explanation is the stress caused by the pandemic — stress that, among other things, led to a large increase in domestic violence.

Despite the recent surge, the overall homicide rate is still well below its peak in 1991, and the geography of the political backlash doesn't seem closely correlated with actual crime rates: San Francisco and Los Angeles both have less violent crime than, say, Houston. But rising crime is real, and voter concern is understandable.

But will the public backlash against crime lead to positive results? I wish I could be optimistic.

At the very least, we'll need to get past some widespread misconceptions. And even then, talking about cracking down on crime is easy; actually doing something about it isn't.

First, we need to get past the idea that crime is mainly a big-city problem. Last year J.D. Vance, now the Republican nominee for senator from Ohio, tweeted to his followers: "I have to go to New York soon, and I'm trying to figure out where to stay. I hear it's disgusting and violent there." I think that was sort of a joke, but one that he knew perfectly well that many of his followers wouldn't get.

The truth, as Bloomberg's Justin Fox recently documented, is that New York is remarkably safe, not just compared with other large U.S. cities but also compared with small towns and rural areas. In particular, New York City has a substantially lower homicide rate than that of Ohio as a whole.

This doesn't mean that everything is fine in the Big Apple; Eric Adams was elected mayor in part because crime has risen sharply, and he took a get-tough-on-crime stance. But in a rational world, politicians

from the heartland wouldn't be sneering at New York; they'd be looking at our biggest city, which also happens to be one of the safest places in America, and trying to figure out what it's doing right.

Another misconception we need to get past is the idea that rising crime is all about immigration. Vance, in particular, has based his campaign largely on demagoguery about immigration and especially about immigrant crime — demagoguery that seems to work best in places with very few immigrants: Less than 5% of Ohio's population is foreign-born, compared with 38% in New York City.

Even if we can avoid the misconceptions, however, what can politicians actually do about crime?

It would help if we knew what caused crime to fall so much between the early 1990s and the mid-2010s. But my reading is that there's no consensus on why that decline took place.

It would also help if there were a clear pattern to the crime wave of 2020-21. But like the earlier decline, it was pretty much universal across America.

So complaining about crime is easy, but actually bringing it down is hard.

One thing that might help is better policing: The available evidence suggests that

severe sentences for convicted criminals don't do much to deter crime but that an increased probability of being caught does. So "defund the police" was a stupid (and politically destructive) slogan; we probably need to devote more, not less, resources to law enforcement. But of course we also need police who do their job — the story from Uvalde, Texas, just keeps getting worse — and don't abuse their position. If fear of crime is a real issue, so is minority groups' fear of being abused by the people who are supposed to protect them, and we can't simply trust police to always do the right thing.

Oh, and it would help matters if criminals weren't equipped with military-grade weapons and body armor — and no, having everyone else heavily armed isn't the answer. New York doesn't have low crime by American standards because it's full of good guys with guns.

Anyway, like it or not, crime will be an issue in November. As I said, I wish I could be optimistic. But my fear is that the beneficiaries of the new focus on crime will be politicians who have nothing to offer but tough talk.

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Jan. 6 panel made case against Trump

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

At long last, the House Jan. 6 committee held its first hearing, and made it a pretty good one. Right at the top, Chairman Bennie Thompson gave us the right wording: Former President Donald Trump's actions and those of his associates were an effort to "overthrow the government." That's what this is all about. That's why the investigation is so important; it's why the public side of the committee's responsibilities are so critical. If the committee is correct, then this was among the most heinous and disloyal actions by a president in the history of the U.S.

In the two-hour, prime-time session, the committee members only outlined the case that they're making — what Rep. Liz Cheney, one of two Republicans on the panel, called a "sophisticated seven-part plan" by Trump to overturn the election. Thompson and Cheney were clear: While the violence of Jan. 6 was part of the plan, no one should think that the attack by itself was the central storyline.

The committee emphasized two further points.

One was that everyone inside Trump's White House and his campaign knew that he had lost; that there was nothing to any of the wild stories of fraud; and that they all told Trump exactly that. This may be important for any legal case against the former president or his allies, since it shows that they knew what they were peddling was false. It's also useful in understanding the bigger picture. The truth is, there was nothing extraordinary about the 2020 election. It was close, but not especially so. If anything, it was unusually clean. The professionals on the campaign and Trump's legal team knew it, and told him so. Claims to the contrary not only amounted to a lie, but a lie in service of overturning the government.

The second point was that Jan. 6 wasn't just the spontaneous action of a mob. It was an organized attack by extremist groups that had been egged on by Trump. It's still not clear whether Trump and his allies actively coordinated the mayhem, or just recklessly invited it. But Trump in particular certainly did invite it, and once the violence began he refused multiple entreaties to use either his official position or his influence with the mob to put an end to it.

As for the presentation: Video of the attacks, live testimony from a Capitol police officer who had been brutally



Vice Chair Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., delivers remarks Thursday during a hearing on the Jan. 6 investigation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The House select committee will continue to present its findings in a series of televised hearings this week. **WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY**

injured and snippets from the depositions the committee has conducted made for compelling television. Of course, most voters weren't watching. But it was never a realistic goal to entice a large audience to watch gavel-to-gavel coverage. What the committee members needed to do was to convince key elites — the nonaligned media, high-visibility Republicans who aren't entirely comfortable defending Trump, and any skittish Democrats — that this is all extremely important. The more successful they are in doing so, the more the hearings will become a continuing event, with people being exposed to it in news coverage and social media and everywhere else. It's likely that the committee took a big step toward achieving that on Thursday.

These hearings are unusual in that the minority party is represented only by two members (out of nine) who are defying their own party's boycott. That means the whole thing can be as scripted as the committee chooses, without interruptions from the minority or attempts to debunk or reframe what's happening. In that sense,

the boycott has been a tremendous gift to the committee. There was no squabbling over rules or procedures, no objections, no complaints about etiquette — nothing that would make it easy to bash the whole thing as partisanship. Helping things further? Seven committee members, everyone but Thompson and Cheney, were willing to sit quietly throughout the session. Presumably everyone will get a turn to shine over the five remaining hearings, but very few politicians are willing to sacrifice an opportunity to be seen by a prime-time audience. And that in turn helped to emphasize the seriousness of the occasion.

I hope that the committee plans quite a bit of live testimony in the daytime sessions; the clips from taped depositions can be effective, but they're not nearly as gripping as watching full answers, especially by people who once appeared to be loyal to the former president but now are telling the truth about him. We'll see what they have soon, with three daytime sessions this week beginning on Monday morning. And yes, I do think this would all have been more effective months ago, and

with more time. We had several short clips Thursday night from rioters; I could easily imagine two weeks of testimony walking them through the entire thing.

Perhaps the most effective moment of the hearing came from Cheney, who talked about the portrait in the Capitol rotunda of George Washington resigning his commission at the end of the revolution. Washington's action made him world famous; he could have been king of the new nation, but he rushed, as the painting shows, to give up power as soon as it was safe to do so. Even more astonishingly, he managed to repeat the act by retiring from the presidency after two terms, setting an example that lasted for more than a century and was so powerful that when Franklin Roosevelt shattered the precedent the response was eventually to put the two-term limit into the Constitution. The contrast with Trump, who refused — still refuses — to accept the verdict of the people in a free and fair election, could not be stronger.

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Majority of Gen Z, millennials and Gen X agree on work from home

By Chris Hughes
Bloomberg Opinion

During the early days of the pandemic, the narrative was that remote working was a grind for younger workers stuck in cramped apartments and bliss for their seniors living it up in airy home offices. The juniors were missing out on in-person learning, while their superiors were more focused on how to spend the savings from fewer train tickets.

In fact, attitudes to remote working are far less polarized.

The majority of traditional office workers appears to value the chance to work from home at least one day a week. There is some variation according to age, but it's not large or consistent enough to be significant.

A recent study by consultants McKinsey & Co. found that workers ages 18 to 34 were 59% more likely to leave than 55- to 64-year-olds if their employer didn't offer a hybrid work arrangement.

The larger Survey of Working Arrangements and Attitudes (a collaboration between Chicago, ITAM, MIT and Stanford universities) presents more nuanced findings. Workers in their 20s were most likely to start looking for a new job if their

employer denied them hybrid working. But over-50s were most likely to quit there and then. (Of course, younger workers may have itchier feet generally, and older workers may have an eye on retirement.)

A lot depends on how you ask the question. Invite workers to think of the option of work from home for two or three days in terms of a pay rise, and those in their 30s will give it the highest value. Ask what pay rise would be needed to work in their employer's premises five days a week and it's the over-50s who want the biggest bump.

The important point is that support for a hybrid arrangement is high across the board. The appeal of reduced commuting time — often the most cited benefit of remote working — clearly goes beyond older workers. Younger workers may feel the hit of transport costs on their disposable income more acutely; the more central parts of public-transport networks are often the most crowded. Meanwhile, millennials have had a couple years to get used to co-working and negotiating communal space with housemates.

What does all this mean for employers? The tightness of the labor market and the need to attract up-and-coming talent will

continue to force most large firms to offer the option of at least some remote working. The snag is that the long-term impact of this shift remains unknown.

The loss of on-the-job learning and in-person interaction should remain a concern. Lower office occupancy means less knowledge transfer between generations and weaker internal relationships. These can be seen as sources of competitive advantage as much as the ability to attract talent. When things go wrong at companies, the explanation often comes down to culture.

Even if activity can be neatly divided into solo tasks best done remotely and collaborative tasks best done in the office, something inevitably gets lost in the divorce — learning by imitation and the ability to tap on a colleague's metaphorical open door, for example. These benefits don't disappear with hybrid working, but they risk being diminished.

So expect employers to offer the hybrid option while encouraging use of the office. One thing that might help on this front is proposing more flexible working hours to dodge peak travel times and deal with non-work commitments. The second-biggest reason that WFH is attractive is the

ability to manage domestic and social responsibilities, according to a survey of London workers by King's College London. Commuting costs may become a more explicit part of salary negotiations.

Companies should also respond to what people consider the downsides of office work — often, the prevalence of distractions. For example, Alphabet Inc.'s Google reportedly plans for future offices to give people more room. This reinforces the trend toward corporate tenants seeking higher-quality space in prime locations. Vacancy rates for top-grade offices were just 4% in central London against 8% overall at the end of 2021, according to property consultants Cushman & Wakefield. Developer British Land Co. recently pre-let a building in London's financial district four years ahead of its scheduled completion.

But upgrading the offices of the world's major cities for the post-pandemic era won't happen overnight. Unless attitudes radically change, or the balance of power between employers and employees shifts, the hybrid experiment is going to have plenty of time to show results.

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Israeli artist Naama Tsabar amid her “Melodies of Certain Damage (Opus 6)” at the Wadsworth Atheneum. She and several local musicians will perform on the broken electric guitars that comprise the exhibit on its closing weekend Sept. 10 and 11. **CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT PHOTOS**

ARTS PICKS FOR JUNE 12 – 18

The Masked Singer, The Dukes, The Band Camino and more

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Original members abound on Connecticut concert stages the week of June 12 to 18: Terry Adams with NRBQ, Joe Queer with The Queers and Geoff Tate covering two classic albums by his old band Queensrÿche.

If you prefer not to recognize famous performers, “The Masked Singer” show is on tour with a stop right in Connecticut. New Haven’s hosting its International Festival of Arts & Ideas, with plenty of events and headliners like Dallas Black Dance Theater and comedian Michelle Buteau. There’s no shortage of entertainment.

Whether you’re attending a local concert or checking out some theater, here are 10 of The Courant’s top arts picks for the week.

NRBQ at Infinity Hall Norfolk

20 Greenwood Road West, Norfolk CT

NRBQ, the insanely eclectic rock band, still boasts founding member Terry Adams, the keyboardist since 1966. The other current members all joined sometime after NRBQ’s 2004-11 hiatus. June 12 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall, 20 Greenwood Road West, Norfolk. \$34-\$49. infinityhall.com.

Kraftwerk 3-D at College Street Music Hall

238 College St., New Haven CT

The current conceptual configuration of experimental German synth-rock pioneers Kraftwerk is the immersive multimedia musical/visual experience Kraftwerk 3-D. In various forms, Kraftwerk has been around since 1969 and still boasts the involvement of one of its founding members — Ralf Hütter. The international tour visits Connecticut June 15 at 8 p.m. at College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven. \$39.50-\$99.50. collegestreetmusic-hall.com.

Jesse Cook at The Bushnell

166 Capitol Ave., Hartford CT

Canadian guitarist Jesse Cook turned heads in 1995 with his debut album “Tempest.” He has a new album out, “Libre,” but his current tour is called “Tempest II,” touching on more than a quarter-century of virtuoso Cook. June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at The Bushnell. \$38-\$70. bushnell.org.

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By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The floor rocks, and you are the musician.

Naama Tsabar, the latest installation and performance artist to grace the Wadsworth Atheneum’s Matrix gallery, has smashed some electric guitars, then fastened the shards to the gallery floor. And you are invited to play them.

The artist, who was born in Israel and lives in New York, has been doing this, in various ways, since 2014. The Matrix exhibit is latest iteration of a larger connected piece and is therefore titled “Melodies of Certain Damage (Opus 6).”

Gallery visitors are allowed to bend down and pluck or strum the guitars, which are strung with guitar or piano wires (depending on how far gone the broken guitar is), tuned (to the notes in “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star,” more or less) and plugged into a PA system in the room. The strings aren’t contained by fretboards, existing almost independently of the shattered guitar bodies though still attached to the tuning pegs.

When “Melodies of Certain Damage (Opus 6)” nears the



One of Naama Tsabar’s creatively smashed floor-mounted guitars.

end of its more than four-month run in the Matrix space, the fragmented instruments will be professionally played in four free concerts, Sept. 10 and 11 at 2 and 4 p.m. Tsabar will be accompanied by Connecticut-based musicians who will compose original works during a series of rehearsals.

The Matrix space has been painted a stark white, but Tsabar wasn’t going for a clinical look. Rather she wanted sharp contrast between the artworks and their surround-

ings. She perceived “a landscape of debris,” she explained when attending the exhibit’s opening night June 3, and noted that not all her opuses have had white backgrounds.

“The work starts after the break,” she says, meaning the physical destruction of the guitars: “The place where rock and roll has left.” She visited the Wadsworth months ago to “optimize the place for the works to exist. It’s always in the mode of sculpting.”

She always takes new

instruments, then destroys them: “I break the guitars I’ve always wanted to own.”

Fastening the fractured guitars to the floor has a purpose, Tsabar says.

“When you play, you have to go down to the floor. For me, it’s an interesting place to think about the art. It’s so alive, so dynamic, that interaction.”

There is no clear invitation, no signs or notice boards, that explicitly invite viewers to bend down and play the smashed guitars.

“I don’t like to tell people what to do,” Tsabar says, and adds: “How daring are people, to touch the artwork?”

For the live performances, Tsabar specifies that her accompanists be local to the area where the museum is (in this case she’s likely reaching as far afield as New Haven, but within Connecticut) and are “female identifying or gender-nonconforming.” This furthers one of the main themes that inspired her work with electric guitars — confronting the male dominance associated with the instrument, which is often perceived as a phallic object.

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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

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New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: “30 Americans,” a show of portraits of Black people by Black artists, is up from June 17 to Oct. 30. Artists are Nina Chanel Abney, John Bankston, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Mark Bradford, Nick Cave, Robert Colescott, Noah Davis, Leonardo Drew, Renée Green, David Hammons, Barkley L. Hendricks, Rashid Johnson, Glenn Ligon, Kalup Linzy, Kerry James Marshall, Rodney McMillian, Wangechi Mutu, William Pope.L, Rozeal, Gary Simmons, Xaviera Simmons, Lorna

Simpson, Shinique Smith, Henry Taylor, Hank Willis Thomas, Mickalene Thomas, Kara Walker, Carrie Mae Weems, Kehinde Wiley and Purvis Young. “Mildred Thompson: Cosmic Flow” is up until Nov. 27. “North America Divided,” which pairs 19th-century landscapes and genre scenes with works by contemporary artists Neil Jenney and Valerie Hegarty, is up until March 2023. “American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA” is up until Oct. 1. “Eva LeWitt” is up until Nov. 11, 2023. “Cowboys, Detectives, and Daredevils: Pulp Art at the NBMAA” is up until Aug. 7. The Helen Frankenthaler virtual reality space is now on view. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: “Real Wall: Traé Brooks” is up until July 3. realartways.org.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: “Seen and Imagined: Parallel Vision Painters,” work by A. Walter Kendra, Estrid Eklof, Ann Finholt, Lisa Tellier, Josa Weatherwax and Margaret Wilson, will be up to July 3. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Atheneum is Alexander Calder’s massive red “Stegosaurus.” In front of the Atheneum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Atheneum is Carl Andre’s “Stone Field Sculpture.” Also across the street from the Atheneum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

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Kehinde Wiley’s 2005 oil on canvas, “Equestrian Portrait of the Count Duke Olivares” is among the artworks in New Britain Museum of American Art’s exhibit “30 Americans.” **KEHINDE WILEY/ RUBELL MUSEUM**



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Tate at Infinity Hall Hartford

32 Front St., Hartford CT
The former Queensrÿche vocalist continues to perform that band's songs with his own ensembles. On June 16 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall, 32 Front St., Hartford, Geoff Tate Empire will give live renditions of two classic Queensrÿche albums: "Rage to Order" from 1986 and the one that gives Tate's current outfit its name, 1990's "Empire." \$45-\$55. infinityhall.com.

The Queers at the Space Ballroom

295 Treadwell St., Hamden CT
It's an old-school punk/hardcore mosh pit of The Queers, celebrating 40 years as a premiere punk/pop outfit, still led by Joe Queer; Dwarves, filthy as ever and still anchored by frontman Blag Dahlia and guitarist HeWhoCan-notBeNamed; Two local,

more newly minted yet still trad punk acts; The Ratz, with local punk luminaries Jeffrey Thunders and Elvis Belushi; and The Agonizers. June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Space Ballroom, 295 Treadwell St., Hamden. \$20-\$25. spaceballroom.com.

The Dukes at Warner Theatre

68 Main St., Torrington CT
Country/folk/rock/protest singer/songwriter and activist Steve Earle and his band the Dukes play June 16 at 8 p.m. at Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington. Earle has released an album a year, on average, for the last 22 years, including heartfelt album-length tributes to Townes Van Zandt, Jerry Jeff Walker and his late son Justin Townes Earle. \$32-\$82. warnertheatre.org.

New Haven CT's International Festival of Arts & Ideas

New Haven's Interna-



The Queers are at Hamden's Space Ballroom June 16 with fellow punk legends Dwarves. **SPACE BALLROOM**

tional Festival of Arts & Ideas owns June. Among the dozens of events at the festival this week are Dallas Black Dance Theater, (June 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Yale University Theatre, 222 York St., New Haven; \$45-\$65; \$20 students); and comedian Michelle Buteau (June 16 at 8 p.m. at College Street Music Hall, 237 College St., New Haven; \$45-\$85, \$20

students). artidea.org.

'Masked Singer' at Foxwoods Resort Casino

350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket CT
"The Masked Singer" TV show has spawned an equally colorful and costumed national tour, coming to the Premier

Theater at Foxwoods Resort Casino June 16 at 7:30 p.m. The host is Natasha Bedingfield, and each city features a "surprise celebrity." \$30-\$55. foxwoods.com.

The Band Camino at the Oakdale

95 S. Turnpike Rd.,

Wallingford CT

Up-and-coming Memphis rockers The Band Camino, now one album and three EPs old, play the Dome space at the Oakdale, 95 S. Turnpike Road, Wallingford, with Renforshort and Games We Play, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. oakdale.com.

Teatro SEA at the Charter Oak Center

21 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford CT
The New York-based Latino children's theater group Teatro SEA returns to the Charter Oak Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford on June 18 at 3 p.m. with "Pedro Animal Falls in Love," described as "a comical folktale from the Dominican Republic" about "a simple, fun-loving young man who is crazy in love with a neighborhood girl," staged with "humorous, interactive puppet play." \$5. charteroakcenter.org.

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Exhibits

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New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road in Windsor Locks: An exhibit about New England women who made significant contributions to the history of aviation will be on permanent display. neam.org.

Marlborough Town Hall, 26 North Main St.: Work by Carol Jeffries is up until December. marlborougharts.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Formative: Frederick Law Olmsted in Connecticut" is up to Aug. 28. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. chs.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at the Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford: "In the Spirit of Trust" is up until June 19. monasterygallery.art.

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Art of Pride," works reflecting on the LGBTQ experience, is up to June 30. workspacemanchester.com.

Chase Family Gallery at Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave. in West Hartford: Photographs by Mallorie Ostrowitz are up until Aug. 26. mandelljcc.org.

Lost Acres Vineyard, 80 Lost Acres Road in North Granby: Artwork by the Women Artist Collective will be up until July 4. lostacresvineyard.com.

Kent Library, 50 North Main St. in Suffield: Work by Frank Milliken will be up until June 30. suffield-library.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: Artwork by Marc Rifkin, and an exhibit "Out of This World: Fantasy Art" are up to June 25. artsfvac.org.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: "Artifact: Megyn Craine" is up to June 25. hplct.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: "Acceptance Through the Ages," an LGBTQ-themed exhibit, is up to June 30. windsorartcenter.org.

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Naama Tsaabar / MATRIX 189: Melodies of Certain Damage (Opus 6)" will be up until Sept. 11. "Edward Russell Thaxter: Love's First Dream" is up to July 3. "Hamilton: The Art of Remaking History" is up from June 24 to Sept. 11. thewadsworth.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: "Great Escape 2" group show, Anna Webersen's "Bound & Connected" and David Holzman's "Structure: Sculpture, Painting and Prints" are up to June 25. galleryonthegreen.org.

Hans Weiss Newspace

Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road: Spring Arts Festival is up to Aug. 24. manchestercc.edu/hansweiss-newspace

Avon Town Hall, 60 West Main St.: A spring/summer exhibit of 29 artworks will be up until Oct. 15. avonarts.org.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: "Zolton: Paintings, Photography, Films" is up to July 1. hygienic.org.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: "Norman Rockwell's Saturday Evening Post Covers: Tell Me a Story" and "Missing Narratives" are up from June 18 to Sept. 18. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Mystic Seaport Museum, 75 Greenmanville Ave.: "Story Boats: The Tales They Tell" is up to Aug. 14. mysticseaport.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Dana Sherwood: Animal Appetites and Other Encounters in Wildness" is up to Sept. 18. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: "East and West: Junor & Mark Patnode" is up until June 25. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "Unbeatable Women: Power and Innovation in the Work of Women Photographers," is up to June 19. "Picturing Mystic: Views of the Connecticut Shoreline, 1890-1950" is up to Sept. 4. "Poetry in the Wild: Sculptures by Ana Flores" will be installed on June 10 and be up all summer. lymanallyn.org.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Water All Around Us," work by artists age 3 to 18, is up to Aug. 12. lymeartassociation.org.

Cooley Gallery, 25 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Where They Began," a show of work by Jasper Goodrich and Morteza Khakshoor, to June 25. cooleygalleries.com.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: "I'll Follow the Sun: The Photography of Shelley Lawrence Kirkwood" is up to June 30. lagruacenter.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in

Ridgefield: "Melvin Edwards: Asafoka" is up until Sept. 5. "52 Artists: A Feminist Milestone" is up to Jan. 8, 2023. aldrichart.org.

The Glass House, 199 Elm St. in New Canaan: The historic home of architect Philip Johnson is open for outdoor tours. "Pliable Plane: Anni Albers" is up until Dec. 13. "David Hartt: A Colored Garden," with paintings by Charles Ethan Porter and a new film by Hartt, will be up until Nov. 14. theglasshouse.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land" is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "8th Biennial FOOTPRINT International Exhibition 2022" and "Shop Swap: East London Printmakers at CCP" are up to Aug. 28. contemporary.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: Scratching the Surface: David Haislip" is up until June 30. stillrivereditions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave: "Abstract Ascension: Dana James, Kathryn MacNaughton and Anna Pietrzak" is up from June 18 to Aug. 31. hollistaggart.com.

Housatonic Museum of Art, on the campus of Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Blvd. in Bridgeport: "Vincent Baldassano: To Be Continued" will be up from June 16 to July 22. museum.housatonic.edu.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: "Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility" and "13 Ways of Looking at Landscape: Larry Silver's Connecticut Photographs" will be up until June 18. fairfield.edu/museum/

Carriage Barn Arts Center, Waveny Park, 681 South Ave. in New Canaan: "She Is Rising," artwork celebrating women and girls, is up from June 2 to 16. The 15th annual "Art in the Windows" exhibit in storefronts in downtown New Canaan is up until June 19. carriagebarn.org.

Stratford Library, 2203 Main St.: "Stuff I See," photograph by Nicole Irene, is up until July 31. stratfordlibrary.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Midcentury Abstraction: A Closer Look" and "Recent Acquisitions" are up until June 26. "Gold in America: Artistry, Memory, Power" is up until July 10. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Bridget Riley:

Perceptual Abstraction" is up until July 24. "Marc Quinn: History Painting +" is up until Oct. 16. britishart.yale.edu.

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: "Footnotes and other embedded stories" is up to June 25. Artists are Leonard Galmon, Ruby Gonzalez Hernandez, Allison Minto, Julia Rooney, and Joseph Smolinski. artspace-nh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

Gallery at the Institute Library, 847 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Cover Story II: Return to the Stacks" is up until June 30. The exhibit is a collection of intriguing book covers. institutelibrary.org

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: "For the Love of Art: 2022 Student Art Exhibit" is up to June 30. gallery53.org.

Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield St. in Guilford: "Weld-Built: The Guilford Architecture of William E. Weld" is on view until December. portal.ct.gov/ECD-HenryWhitfield-StateMuseum.

Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St. in New Haven: "Reshaped | Refocused" a show of work by Greg Aim , Amira Brown, and Mosho using themes from Octavia E. Butler's "Parable of the Sower," is up to July 9. creativeartsworkshop.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City," "Factory" and "The Quantum Revolution: Handcrafted in New Haven" are on view. newhavenmuseum.org.

Ely Center for Contemporary Art, 51 Trumbull St. in New Haven: "Suzanne Anker: After Eden" is up to July 17. elycenter.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "Tom Edwards: Backyard Archeology" and "Sean Gallagher: What She Left and What She Kept" are up to June 26. kehlerriddellgallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: "Summer in New England" is up June 24 to Sept. 5. Artists are Kathy Anderson, Del-Bourree Bach, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Bikbov, Kelly Birkenruth, David Dunlop, Neal Hughes, Tom Hughes, Carol Jenkins, Andrew Lattimore, James Magner, Anne McGrory, Leonard Mizerek, Deborah Quinn-Munson, Dennis Sheehan, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Katie Swatland, and George Van Hook. susanpowellfineart.com.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "Echoes of Silence: Photography by Tom Peterson" is up to June 26. city-gallery.org.

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Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive in Hamden: "Storytellers," a show of work by Kwadwo Adae, Matthew Best, Jenn Cacciola, Mary Dwyer, Anya Kotler, Melissa Sutherland Moss and Joan Wheeler, is up until Sept. 9. "Storytellers: Part II," work by Kwadwo Adae, Matthew Best, Jenn Cacciola, James Cofrancesco, Tyler Cofrancesco, Mary Dwyer, Anya Kotler, Melissa Sutherland Moss and Joan Wheeler, is up until July 17. "Amerikrainian Flags: Recent works by Jay Bright" is up until July 17. elycenter.org.

Mitchell Branch of the New Haven Free Public Library, 37 Harrison St.: "Invisible Structures in Art: Maralyn Adlin, Philippa Blair, Irene K. Miller, Don Wunderlee" is up until July 2. nhfpl.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: "The Immigrant Suitcase Project: Italians of Waterbury" is up until Oct. 31. "An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Dec. 31. "Shipwrecks: Duty of Memory," a show of photographs by Stefano Benazzo, and "The Garden" will be up to Aug. 28. "Mystery & Benevolence," an exhibit on the histories of the Freemasons and the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, is up to Sept. 4. "Beyond Fraternity: Charitable and Community Organizations in Waterbury" is up to Aug. 21. mattmuseum.org.

Litchfield County

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Kikuo Saito: Paint with Drawing" and "Jules de Balincourt: Off the Beaten Path" are up until July 16. "Never Seen: The Cabin," work by Charles Alston, Deborah Brown, Elinor Carucci, Francesco Clemente, Richard Diebenkorn, Norris Embry, Lucian Freud, Vera Girivi, Merlin James, Jeannette Montgomery Barron, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, Sara Sebastianis, Reza Shafahi, John Sonsini and Elisabetta Zangrandi, is up until July 1. Open by appointment only. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Alex Katz New Flowers" is up to July 3. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

Carol Corey Fine Art, 6 North Main St. in Kent: "Matthias Meyer" Along the Shores" is up to July 17. carolcoreyfineart.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "Robert Andrew Parker 95th Birthday Exhibition" is up to July 2. huntlibrary.org.

Five Points Art Center, 855 University Drive Torrington: Sculptures by Don Gummer is on view. fivepointsarts.org.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: "Gary Stephan: This There" is up June 18 to July 24. furnace-artonpaper-

archive.com.

Washington Art Association, 4 Bryan Memorial Plaza in Washington Depot: Work by Philip Grausman will be up to July 24. washingtonartassociation.org.

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St. in Winsted: Mural dedicated to American working people, five stories high and 120 feet wide, is open for viewing Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$5 students, ages 4 and younger free, \$25 for a season pass. americanmuralproject.org.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Melanie Parke: Flowers For Friends" is up to July 3. kbfa.com.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: "Tradition and Transformation: Mithila Art of India" is up until July 31. benton.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Beth Pite, Colorscapes" and "Awake: The Art & Design of Anthony Foronda" are on view through the end of summer. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits/.

Arts of Tolland, on the town green: Work by Jerry Madara and David Kopper will be up to June 25. tomouellettephtodesign.com.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: "Ekphrastic Extravaganza: Art & Poetry" and "4th Annual Signature Members Exhibit" will be up from June 28 to July 9. artscentereast.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Work by Jane Collins" is up until June 30. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

Middlesex County

Summer Arts Festival: Event will be on the Essex Town Green, 12 Main St., on June 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., presented by the Arts Center Killingworth and Spectrum Gallery in Centerbrook. spectrumartgallery.org.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Clouds, Winds and Breezes" will be on view to July 10. spectrumartgallery.org.

Ben Parker Studio, 1 North Main St. in Essex: "River Valley Artists Abstract Works" is up until June 14. rivervalleyartists.com.

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A responsibility to represent

Among the most visible Native actors on TV, Birmingham’s overnight success story took a few decades to tell

By **Chris Vognar**
The New York Times

Early in “Under the Banner of Heaven,” FX’s limited Hulu series based on the true story of two grisly murders in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Detective Bill Taba makes his stand. His partner (Andrew Garfield) on a small-town Utah police force, a church member, is getting territorial and pulling rank. Taba, a Paiute Indian played by Gil Birmingham, isn’t having it.

“I’m well aware that my skin is darker than most in this valley,” Taba, who comes from Las Vegas, tells his younger partner. “And I’m very well aware that’s not smiled upon in a 99% LDS town. But I know cases like this a hell of a lot better than you do.”

It’s the kind of moment, with a Native character taking charge and claiming authority, that was rarely found on TV until recently. The kind of moment that excites Birmingham. Best known for playing tribal chair Thomas Rainwater on the hit western “Yellowstone,” Birmingham, who is of Comanche heritage, has become one of the most visible Native actors on television. That means he’s not just doing it for himself.

“I think there’s a responsibility to represent all of our people truthfully,” Birmingham said from Los Angeles a few weeks before the series finale of “Banner,” which was recently released on Hulu.

“Generally speaking, you might be the only Native on a set,” he added. “So you really have to have some integrity about the nature of the portrayal of the character.”

Birmingham, a tall, muscular and youthful 68, has been at this for a while, even if you have only noticed him recently. He is one of those overnight success stories that took a few decades to tell.

A military brat raised around the country — San Antonio, Kentucky, San Francisco, Alaska — he trained to be a petrochemical engineer. His one-word assessment of his first career: “boring.” He preferred singing, playing guitar and bodybuilding. Then, one day in the early ’80s, a music video producer approached him as he worked out in a Los Angeles gym and offered him his first acting job, for the 1982 Diana Ross video “Muscles.” Go to YouTube and there’s a young, shirt-



Gil Birmingham, seen May 19, stars in “Yellowstone” and “Under the Banner of Heaven.” **MICHELLE GROSCHOPF/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

less Birmingham, laughing and flexing.

Tell him you’ve seen the video, and you’ll get a characteristically dry response: “Well, my apologies.”

After “Muscles,” his physique continued to serve him. He spent several years playing Conan the Barbarian at the Universal Studios of Hollywood theme park, using his free time to go on auditions. “There’s a whole journey of sacrifices that you’re making in your life to keep following that road and

be diligent with it and be persistent,” Birmingham said. “I didn’t have the same appreciation for it in the beginning as I did later.

“Then the very first pop culture exposure was with ‘Twilight.’ And I think that’s where most people came to know me.”

An actor’s big break is rarely high art. It’s usually something with a wide enough following to cement a face in the public consciousness. That’s what Birmingham got with the role of Billy Black, father

of the hunky werewolf kid Jacob, in the five-movie “Twilight” franchise (2008-2012).

Fast forward a few years. Birmingham is reading a script so good he can barely believe it. The writer has no shortage of confidence. The role is a droll Native American Texas Ranger named Alberto Parker, on the trail of a couple of bank robbers with his partner. The director, David Mackenzie, fights for Birmingham, and he gets the part, playing alongside Jeff Bridges

in “Hell or High Water” (2016). The screenwriter, Taylor Sheridan, is floored.

“I didn’t know who you were before,” Birmingham recalled Sheridan saying. “But after seeing your work, you’ll never have to audition for me again.” (Sheridan was unavailable to comment.) And Sheridan was already cooking up a pet project, a TV series about a stubborn Montana rancher fighting to defend his land from encroaching modernity. That’s how Birmingham

got the role of Thomas Rainwater on “Yellowstone,” the most watched show on cable. Ivy League educated, schooled in realpolitik, Rainwater is a thoroughly modern Indigenous character. He is also the savviest adversary of Kevin Costner’s rancher, John Dutton. Even as they do battle, they share a grudging, mutual respect.

“They share a real love for the land and an intent to keep the land the way it is,” said Birmingham. The way Rainwater sees it, he is just trying to take back what was stolen from his people.

Birmingham considers himself fortunate to have Sheridan, who also cast the actor in the film “Wind River,” in his corner. He is an ally when it comes to casting Native actors, Birmingham said. On top of that, he added, he’s just a great writer.

“His work is unpredictable, and it’s so soulful,” Birmingham said. “It speaks in such a poetic language to the hearts of the characters.”

“I’ll ride with whatever he writes,” he added.

Birmingham is old enough to remember watching the likes of “Bonanza” and “Rawhide” during their first television runs in the ’60s. “They had horrible portrayals of Native people, with a lot of red facing,” he said, using a term for when white actors colored their skin to play minstrel versions of Native characters. He remembered his pleasant surprise at seeing “Dances With Wolves” in 1990, which brought dignity and several speaking roles to Native peoples. (And he appreciated the humor in its having starred and been directed by Costner, his “Yellowstone” adversary).

Now Birmingham looks around and sees a different, fuller landscape. There’s “Yellowstone,” and there’s “Under the Banner of Heaven.” There’s the FX comedy “Reservation Dogs,” about four Native teens growing up on an Oklahoma reservation, and there’s “Dark Winds,” the upcoming AMC series about two Navajo police detectives, starring Zahn McClarnon and created by Graham Roland, whose is of Native heritage.

“Now we have projects and productions that are telling our story,” Birmingham said. “I think that’s the thing we’ve been waiting for, this opportunity to be able to tell our own stories from our own point of view.”

‘HUSTLE’ ★★

Sandler stars as NBA scout who finds his 6-9 underdog

By **Nina Metz**
Chicago Tribune

In the pecking order of professional sports, is being a scout considered an undesirable gig? I have no idea. But the Netflix movie “Hustle,” starring Adam Sandler, takes it as a given that the job blows.

Look, maybe it does. There’s nothing wrong with wanting to move up the ladder, as Sandler’s Stanley Sugerman so clearly does. A longtime and exhausted scout for the Philadelphia 76ers, he gets bumped to assistant coach for half a second before getting bumped back down when the team’s owner dies (Robert Duvall) and his insufferable son (Ben Foster) takes over and sends Stanley out on the road to find that clichéd “missing piece” the team so desperately needs.

Sugerman is burned out and his dreams have been dashed. Or as he tells his wife (Queen Latifah): “Guys in their 50s don’t have dreams, they have nightmares. And eczema.” So he swallows his pride and drags his suitcase through Europe, looking for potential international draft picks. When he arrives in Spain, he spies a



Juancho Hernangomez, left, as Bo Cruz and Adam Sandler as Stanley Sugerman in “Hustle.” **SCOTT YAMANO/NETFLIX**

6-foot-9 ringer in Timberlands (Utah Jazz power forward Juancho Hernangomez) crushing it in a street game and walking away with a fistful of cash. That’s one kind of hustle the title is referring to.

There’s another — of a man past his prime who perks up when he spots a diamond in the rough. Stanley is convinced this construction worker named Bo Cruz is his next great find. His boss says no way, so Stanley brings the kid back to the States anyway on his own dime.

But there’s another kind of hustle at play — of the drive needed to compete at the NBA level. Bo is quiet and inexperienced and

sometimes rattled by trash talk. There’s an assault charge from his past that complicates matters. But he has Stanley in his corner, who *believes* in this kid. And friends, you have yourselves a sports drama.

The stakes in “Hustle” feel nonexistent. The worst that can happen? Bo goes back to working construction in Spain, and Stanley takes that generous sports agent job offered to him early in the film.

Visually there’s not much to grab your eye, but the bigger issues lie with the writing. There aren’t really any characters. It’s a film that doesn’t even rely on archetypes, it simply populates the screen with

people, some of whom occasionally say things. Why waste a talent like Queen Latifah on a role that’s little more than half a dozen lines? And whatever charisma Hernangomez may have in real life as a player on the court doesn’t carry over on screen. He’s likable company, which goes a long way, but he’s not the sort of talent who can compensate for a halfhearted script. That’s more Sandler’s area, and his performance is refreshingly free of anything extra-neat, playing a schlep guy who allowed himself to get a little too bored with things, before putting it all on the line for a late-in-life attempt at something meaningful.

I appreciate that “Hustle” exists in a Hollywood landscape that doesn’t know what to do with movies that aren’t about life-or-death or saving the world. It’s not quite an airball; you won’t find yourself returning to it again and again, either. But there’s a part of me just happy to see non-blockbuster movies about human-scaled dilemmas still getting made.

Where to watch: In theaters; on Netflix

Guitars

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A similarly themed video piece, “Untitled (Babies),” is screening in another area of the Wadsworth to augment the Matrix exhibit. “Untitled (Babies)” shows an all-female rock band, fronted by Tsabar, playing a cover of the pop song “Babies” by the ’90s Brit pop band Pulp. The nature of the band puts a new perspective on the lyrics, originally sung by a male vocalist, Jarvis Cocker. The video ends with Tsabar smashing her guitar on the small platform stage the band is playing on, except that the guitar doesn’t break — surprisingly, the stage does. Tsabar continues to use the instrument as a sledgehammer until a large hole is formed in the wooden framework, as drums and feedback continue.

Tsabar says she is not a fan of The Who, the classic rock band generally associated with smashing guitars onstage, but says “definitely that’s the history of the object. The Who were art students who were familiar with Gustav Metzger and auto-destructive art.”

While she says she is “dealing with clichés” in such rock-based art, “my

work never makes fun of things.” That includes the Pulp song, which was “a really big hit in Israel in the late ’90s” by a band she respects. As her guitar-based work has progressed, she has grown away from using pre-existing music from other artists.

The live performances in the “Melodies of Certain Damage” series yield “original compositions which are community specific and place specific,” Tsabar says.

“Melodies of Certain Damage (Opus 6)” fits into a long Matrix gallery tradition of pop culture-based works as well as performance art. As part of an ongoing series of special events leading up to the Matrix’s 50th anniversary in 2025, Tsabar will appear in a Wadsworth-sponsored virtual conversation Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. with a previous Matrix artist, the renowned multimedia artist Laurie Anderson.

“*Melodies of Certain Damage (Opus 6)*” is in the *Matrix gallery at the Wadsworth Athenaeum through Sept. 11. The free concerts will be Sept. 10 and 11 at 2 and 4 p.m. More information at thewadsworth.org*

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Amy and Peter Lyle at the dock where they keep their boat in Georgia. The couple have canceled three trips since the start of the pandemic.
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STAYCATIONS FOR ANOTHER YEAR?

By Danielle Braff
The New York Times

Gas prices and high airfares are causing travelers to stay near home

After two years in which many travelers stayed home, 2022 was supposed to be the year of Big Travel, when trips were checked off bucket lists and the word “staycation” was retired forever.

Then came the spring’s rising COVID-19 numbers, record-high gas prices, rapidly escalating airfares — and the war in Ukraine. Plus, last year’s chaos of airline cancellations and delays persist. For some people, that made the idea of staying closer to home more attractive. And suddenly, American travelers are once again racing to book local hotels, restaurants and activities.

Milan Jones and his girlfriend, Catherine Wilson, are among them. During 2020 and 2021, the couple made do with day trips to nature spots, museums and spas near their home in Georgia. This spring they had planned to go to the Maldives for their first blowout trip in more than two years.

Then came the constant feelings of uncertainty — what would happen if they got sick abroad, didn’t the world seem too unstable?

Out went the daylong flight to the archipelago. The new plan: a week at a local spa resort to take a mental and physical break from the past two years of accumulated stress.

“We would only decide to go on a big vacation in the future if we had some reassurances that it was thor-

oughly planned and safe,” said Jones, 24, a content writer and editor. “We probably wouldn’t plan anything more than three months in advance, and the more secluded the area we are traveling to is, the more at peace we would feel going there.” Their priorities: a stable region and a spot with less risk of a coronavirus outbreak.

They are hardly the only ones rethinking things. An April study by Bankrate, a personal finance site, found that 69% of American adults who say they will vacation this summer anticipate making changes to their plans because of inflation, with 25% traveling shorter distances and 23% planning less-expensive activities. Among people planning to take time off, a staycation was the second most-popular option, behind heading to the beach.

A different report released in May by TripAdvisor, the travel review site, found that 74% of American travelers were “extremely concerned” about inflation; 32% were planning to take shorter trips this summer and 31% were planning to travel close to home.

While this doesn’t mean that travel is completely axed, it does reflect that, for the third summer in a row, staycations are expected to be a significant part of the mix, and “revenge travel” — an all-out trip to make up for lost time — may have to wait a little longer, said Amir Eylon,

president and CEO of Longwoods International, a travel market research consultancy in Columbus, Ohio.

An optimistic May report from the Mastercard Economics Institute found that in the first quarter of 2022, Americans were booking domestic and shorter international flights above 2019 levels by about 25%, although long-haul flights were still depressed. But, the report warned, “While the tail winds of COVID-related pent-up demand are pushing the travel recovery forward, the headwinds of inflation, supply chain constraints, geopolitical uncertainties and COVID infection rates are also shaping 2022.”

For those who aren’t jumping on long-distance flights, the winners appear to be nearby vacation spots, where hotels and short-term rentals are booking up. Airbnb’s U.S. bookings from people staying within their own region were up 65% in the first quarter of 2022 over the first quarter in 2019, said Haven Thorn, an Airbnb spokesperson.

“The demand for domestic leisure travel is higher than it’s ever been post-pandemic,” said Emily Seltzer, the marketing manager at River House at Odette’s, a small luxury hotel in New Hope, Pennsylvania. “Rather than having to fly, guests are more inclined to hop in their cars and begin enjoying their vacation.”

Amanda Arling, presi-

dent of The Whaler’s Inn, a luxury hotel in downtown Mystic, Connecticut, said the hotel is filling up quickly for summer, much faster than in prior years. Weekends are already almost sold out through Labor Day, and she said she was beginning to see midweek business pick up as well. Arling estimated that 20% of the bookings are locals from Connecticut and Rhode Island.

“Staycations have opened a new offering for the travel industry, and going forward, we will see an industry rise to offering staycations in major metropolitan areas,” said Peter Vlitaz, the executive vice president of partner relations for Internova Travel Group, which represents more than 70,000 travel advisers worldwide.

Some have already started. Virgin Hotels in Chicago offers up to 30% off hotel stays for Illinois residents, for example.

Amy Lyle, 51, an author, and her husband, Peter Lyle, 56, a health systems consultant, who live near Atlanta, are looking at what may be their third year of staycationing. Their first planned trip, to the Amalfi Coast, was booked to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in April 2020.

Lyle canceled it when international travel all but shut down at the start of the pandemic. Instead, the couple took a staycation 30 minutes north of their home, enjoying time on Lake Lanier.

Then, in April 2021, they tried again, booking a vacation with friends to Greece, Egypt and Israel. But in March, a month before they were set to depart, the travel agent informed them that Israel was cut from the itinerary because of an uptick in violence there.

The Lyles went back to the lake.

They have already canceled one trip this year, to Rome and Nice, because of worries over the war in Ukraine. But they are hoping to go to Greece this month to finally celebrate their 10th anniversary. If that gets canceled, they will settle for a staycation in Darien, Georgia, a tiny fishing village on the coast.

“I’m an author of ‘The Book of Failures,’ so getting three European vacations canceled is the story of my life,” Lyle said.

For many people, even a second choice vacation is better than no vacation, and they are just grateful that they will be leaving their homes, said Brian Hoyt, the head of global communications and industry affairs for TripAdvisor.

“Travelers overwhelmingly said that they have been stuck in their homes for 24 months, and they will be getting out there this summer,” Hoyt said.

And the staycation isn’t truly so bad. Especially, some travelers say, when you factor in things like the seemingly ubiquitous flight delays and cancellations, long flights that may no longer require masks and COVID-19 regulations that come with international travel, like having to test negative to return to the United States.

Elevate your summer vacation with outdoor activities in a mountain town

By Lynn O’Rourke Hayes
FamilyTravel.com

Fresh air, cool temperatures and outdoor adventures combine to lure families to mountain towns. Here are three to consider:

Stowe, Vermont: Learn how cider is made in this Northern Vermont gem. Hop aboard a dogcart, (a sled on wheels), and take part in sled dog training. Consider bungee jumping, canoeing, kayaking, paddle

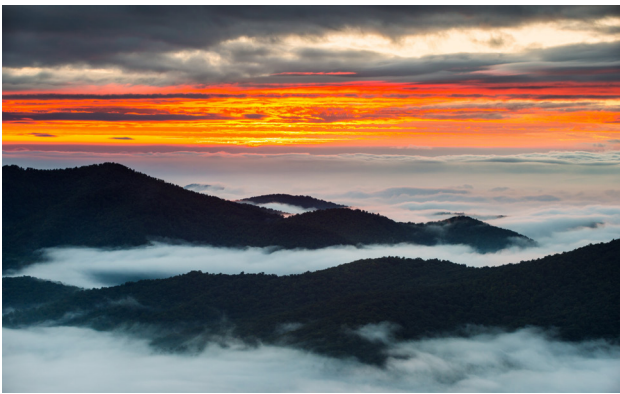
boarding or the alpine slide and carriage rides. You’ll also find mountain biking, mini-golf, zip lines and swimming available for family fun in the 200-year-old village that is also home to Mount Mansfield, the state’s highest peak. Lodging options, from quaint bed and breakfasts to more modern hotels, abound.

Flagstaff, Arizona: Just 80 miles from the Grand Canyon and close to seven other parks and monu-

ments, this town offers a long list of options for family travelers. At 7,000 feet, you’ll enjoy hiking and biking amidst the cool Ponderosa pines, or try your hand at one of four disc golf courses. Tap into the history that combines the nostalgia of Route 66, the historic “Mother Road” that bisects the town, as well as the rich legacy of the old west and the Native American culture.

Brevard, North Carolina:

Visit this Blue Ridge Mountain wonderland for lively music festivals, art walks, kayaking, biking, tubing, fly fishing and the chance to check out more than 250 waterfalls in the region. Review the Brevard Music Center’s summer schedule for performances that historically include mountain songs, classical and opera. Many are held outside and are free. The region served as backdrop for “Last of the Mohicans” and “The Hunger Games.”



Brevard, North Carolina, near the Blue Ridge Mountains, above, is the perfect place for outdoor adventure. DREAMSTIME

Blackpool is Britain’s Coney Island



Rick Steves

When I tell my British friends I’m going to Blackpool, their expressions sour and they ask, “Oh, God, why?” My response: because it’s a carnival-esque tippy-toupee, ears-pierced-while-you-wait place, where I can experience working-class England at play.

For over a century, until the last generation, Blackpool, located on the west coast north of Liverpool, was where the mill workers and miners of Yorkshire and Lancashire spent their holidays. Working blokes took their families to this queen of north England resorts hoping for good fun for the kids and a bit of razzle-dazzle entertainment for themselves.

Today, Blackpool’s vast beaches are empty — too cold for comfort. Today, with cheap airfare to Spain, even lowly workers know that warm beaches are an option ... somewhere else.

Blackpool is dominated by the Blackpool Tower. Shaped like a stubby Eiffel Tower, this giant amusement center seems to grunt, “Have fun.” At the tip of this 518-foot-tall symbol of Blackpool is a grand view that’s just smashing, especially at sunset.

The tower’s gilded ballroom is festooned with old-time seaside elegance. A relay of organists keeps pensioners waltzing, fox-trotting, and doing the tango. Many of these dancers have been coming here regularly for 50 years. They’re happy to share an impromptu two-step lesson with any curious visitor. Many more pay to sit with their fish-and-chips and mushy peas and watch.

Leaving the ballroom,



Blackpool is dominated by the Blackpool Tower. Shaped like a stubby Eiffel Tower, this 518-foot-tall symbol of Blackpool has a grand view. **RICK STEVES**

I work my way through a string of noisy amusements on the waterfront promenade. Countless greedy doors open, trying every trick to get me inside. Huge arcade halls broadcast tape-recorded laughter and advertise free toilets. The randy wind machine under a wax Marilyn Monroe flutters her skirt with a steady breeze. The smell of fries, tobacco, and sugared popcorn wafts with an agenda around passersby.

For a quick diversion, I hop a vintage trolley car to cruise the promenade. Riding the trolleys, which constantly rattle up and down the waterfront, is more fun than driving. While the old trolleys survive, the traditional horse carriages have been replaced with sugary pink Cinderella carriages. Little

girls want to be princesses, and demand drives change.

Each of the three amusement piers has its own personality. Are you feeling sedate? Head to the north pier. Young and frisky? Central pier. Dragging a wagon full of children? The south pier is for you. For a peaceful side of Blackpool, I hop out at the north pier, and stroll the boardwalk out to sea where the only sounds are the gulls and the wind in my hair.

In 1879, back when the north pier was new, Blackpool became the first city in England to switch on electric streetlights. Now, it stretches its season into the autumn by illuminating its seven miles of waterfront with countless blinking and twinkling lights. The first time I saw the much-hyped “Illuminations” years ago,

the American inside me kept saying, “I’ve seen bigger and I’ve seen better.” But I filled his mouth with cotton candy and just had some simple fun like everyone else on my specially decorated trolley.

Blackpool claims to be England’s second-best theater town (after London), so a fun part of my afternoon is deciding how I’ll cap my day: with a play or an old-time variety show. When in the mood for variety, there are always a few dancing-girl, racy-humor, magic and tumbling shows. I enjoy the “old-time music hall” shows: always corny, neither hip nor polished. It’s fascinating to be surrounded by hundreds of partying British seniors, swooning again and waving their hankies to the

predictable beat. Busloads of happy widows come from all corners of north England to giggle at the racy jokes. A perennial favorite is Funny Girls, a burlesque-in-drag show that delights footballers and grannies alike.

For me, Blackpool’s top sight is its people. You experience England here like nowhere else. Grab someone’s hand and a big stick of “rock” (rock candy), and stroll. Appreciate the noisy 20-somethings pulling down their pants to show off new tattoos. Ponder what might inspire someone to spend his golden years here, wearing plaid pants and a bad toupee.

A British friend once told me, “Blackpool is in the DNA of north England. It’s a ritual where family

memories are created and where those memories are passed through the generations. It’s a place not to see but to do. You’ve got to eat the candy, ride the carousel, dance in the ballroom, walk the pier.”

If you’re not into kitsch and greasy spoons, skip Blackpool. But if you’re traveling with kids — or still are one yourself — splash in Britain’s fun puddle. So many Brits do, even though few will admit it.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Beatles sights a dream for actor

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Braeden De La Garza said his latest acting role was a fun challenge. “‘The Quest’ is an immersive (Disney+) fantasy series based around the fictional world of Everealm,” said the 21-year-old Los Angeles-based actor. “Eight teens are summoned by the Fates as a last resort to save the kingdom. I play Prince Emmett — a brainy and quiet prince who values his own intelligence above all else.”

De La Garza — who is the cousin of the actor and singer Demi Lovato — stays in touch with his fans on Twitter (@BraedenDLGarza) and Instagram (@braedendlgarza).

Q: Where are some of the places you have filmed on location?
A: For “The Quest,” we filmed in a castle in Calistoga, California! I’ve also shot things all over Texas, Arkansas and Vancouver.

Q: You’ve been an advocate for suicide prevention among the LGBTQ+ community for a while. How did you get involved with the Trevor Project?
A: Living in a pretty socially conservative part of Texas for most of my life, I was surrounded by a lot of prejudice against the LGBTQ+ community. And because of that, I wanted to do what I could to support them.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?
A: Whittier, California, is



“The Quest” actor Braeden De La Garza said his all-time favorite destination is Disney World. **BEN COPE/TCA**

extremely beautiful in the spring.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child? And did you love it ... or not so much?
A: The first trip I can remember taking is to Estes Park, Colorado. I loved it!

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?
A: Disney World. My recommendation would be to get up early every day that you’re there and make sure you ride every ride you can. It’s worth the loss of sleep.

Q: What would be your dream trip?
A: Liverpool to see all the historical Beatles sights!

Q: What’s the most important thing you’ve learned from your travels?
A: Take as many pictures as you can.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?
A: I don’t take many getaways, but when I do I like to go down to Malibu. So beautiful.

Q: What are your five favorite cities?
A: Los Angeles, Dallas, Vancouver, Austin and San Francisco, in that order.

Q: If you’ve ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?
A: Disney World! I apologize for going back to it constantly but I really am a big fan.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?
A: Spain.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?
A: Sunglasses, baseball cap and my phone charger. Apparently, anything you need to spy on someone.

Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you’re on the road?
A: Honestly, just grabbing a local burger.

Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?
A: Not much. I like to be surprised.

Q: What is your best or worst vacation memory?
A: My favorite memory ever was Disney World a couple years ago. Something about that place just makes me feel 7 years old again. I’ll stop talking about it now!

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Vrbo host cancels hours before scheduled arrival

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: Our Vrbo host canceled our reservation less than 24 hours before our arrival, resulting in lost airfare for my wife and daughter. I need your help getting a refund for our resulting hotel bill. I reserved a rental in El Paso, Texas, and paid for it in full. At 9:30 p.m. the night before my family’s flights to El Paso, I got a message from the host saying: “the house is not available. It’s already been booked.” Then another message that she canceled our reservation and initiated a refund. I sent her panicked messages saying there must be some mistake — that we booked and paid in full more than six months earlier. I said we had flights and were arriving the next day. She didn’t respond. No help, no apology, no nothing. I found her cellphone number and called three times: Each went straight to voicemail. Vrbo said there were no other rentals available. So instead, they booked us a single night in a double room at a hotel. We would be left on our own to find a place for the other two nights. I can’t alert other Vrbo renters to the host’s unscrupulous behavior, and I would like a refund for all of the nights we had to stay in a hotel. Can you help me?
— Jim LoScalzo, Washington, D.C.

A: The host was wrong to cancel just before your arrival, but that’s not the worst of it. When you looked into your account, it turns out the host had given you a one-star review, even though you never stayed in the rental. (This could affect your ability to rent from Vrbo again.) Vrbo should have found a replacement rental for you and covered any additional cost. Instead, the company refunded your rental and paid for one night in a hotel.

Vrbo has a “book with confidence” guarantee that protects you from a last-minute cancellation. It promises guests rebooking assistance or emergency lodging if their reservation is “wrongfully canceled” at the last minute by the host. It wasn’t immediately clear why Vrbo paid for only one night in the new

hotel. You called and emailed the company half a dozen times, but it wouldn’t tell you. By the way, I list the names, numbers and emails of the Vrbo executives on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/vrbo-customer-service-contacts/. A brief, polite email to one of them might have helped.

I contacted Vrbo about your case. Its records show that Vrbo covered emergency lodging for the first night.

“For the rest of his stay, Mr. LoScalzo was asked to book a hotel through one of our sites and submit receipts for reimbursement only if the cost of his hotel stay exceeded the cost of his original booking,” a representative said. “Because the total cost of his hotel reservation did not exceed the cost of his

original booking, he is not eligible for reimbursement.”

Still, as a goodwill gesture, Vrbo agreed to refund you for the \$299 you paid for your hotel. The host voluntarily removed the listing from Vrbo.

“Regarding the negative reviews, property and guest reviews are only permitted for stays that have been completed,” the representative added.

Vrbo removed the one-star guest review.

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CELEBRITIES

Actor: ‘Huge honor’ to represent pilots

By Peter Sblendorio
New York Daily News

“Top Gun: Maverick” star Monica Barbaro helped the high-flying film franchise reach new heights through her portrayal of a ground-breaking character.

The actor says it was “a huge honor” to represent female Navy pilots with her depiction of Natasha “Phoenix” Trace, a graduate of the Top Gun academy with a reputation for having her colleagues’ backs.

She worked with real-life female aviators to prepare for the film, now in theaters.

“It immediately was like, ‘OK, I have really big shoes to fill with the character,’” Barbaro said. “But I lucked out. Everyone really wanted Phoenix to be the best, so everyone put forth the effort.”

The United States didn’t allow women to fly in combat for the Navy until 1993 — seven years after the original “Top Gun” movie came out.

Barbaro, 31, describes Phoenix as “extremely talented” and “more than capable,” and says she relished reflecting the “incredible” women who helped her design the character. “They were just so great, so generous with their time as resources, and also just really cool,” she said.

“It’s a lot of pressure because as one woman, it feels like you have to represent all women in some way, but that just isn’t reality,” Barbaro said. “That doesn’t make any sense, so you have to just make some choices about the character. Different women go about the job in different ways, but what we chose for Phoenix was what was best for the story as a whole.”

Barbaro’s character is one of the elite young pilots trained in the movie



Monica Barbaro, seen May 6, portrays Natasha “Phoenix” Trace in “Top Gun: Maverick.” **CLAUDIO CRUZ/GETTY-AFP**

by Tom Cruise’s Capt. Pete “Maverick” Mitchell ahead of a high-stakes mission with global consequences. Miles Teller, Glen Powell and Lewis Pullman also star in the film.

Making “Top Gun: Maverick” was the ride of a lifetime for Barbaro, who remembers being blown away the first time she watched the 1986 movie as a college-aged aspiring actor.

“I remember thinking I would love to be in a movie like that someday,” Barbaro said. “The greatest thing that’s come of all this is that I never expected that role would be as a pilot, so that’s been awesome.”

Working with Cruise was a thrill as well for Barbaro, who underwent an intense training program designed by the superstar that prepared her to shoot all of her scenes inside the cockpits of actual fighter jets that were flown by real-life military pilots.

“It makes you start believing that you are capable of things that you never thought you would be,” Barbaro said of working with Cruise.

The San Francisco-born actor — who previously portrayed Cora Vasquez on the comedy-drama series “The Good Cop” — says Phoenix is “one of the best” of the Top Gun trainees, and hopes the character can “evoke a feeling of trust in her in the audience.”

“She’s the coolest,” Barbaro said. “I wish I was as cool as her.”

June 12 birthdays: Sports-caster Marv Albert is 81. Actor Sonia Manzano is 72. Actor Timothy Busfield is 65. Actor Jenilee Harrison is 64. Rapper Grandmaster Dee is 60. Actor Eamonn Walker is 60. Actor Finesse Mitchell is 50. Actor Jason Mewes is 48. Actor Timothy Simons is 44. Singer Chris Young is 37. Actor Luke Youngblood is 36.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Mother frets about daughter’s eating habits

Dear Amy: My daughter is 33, living on her own, thriving in her career, and in most aspects doing very well. She lives in a different city, so I only see her several times a year. We talk on the phone often.

When she was a teenager, she had an eating disorder. We intervened and took her to a therapist who worked with her for two years. She developed many tools to deal with her disordered eating.

Stress is a trigger and can send her into anxiety disorder behaviors.

She is currently trying to relocate to another state, and I am concerned (mostly from her social media posts) that she may be dealing with disordered eating habits again. She looks very thin.

Her brother told me that he is very concerned, but he doesn’t feel she would be open to any concerns/suggestions he may have.

She is ultra-sensitive when I question anything about her eating.

When she was in therapy her therapist had told the family members that we needed to let her make her own choices about food. How do you suggest I best help?

— Concerned Parent

Her eating disorder can be considered a chronic disease. If she had an autoimmune disease, you would want to prompt her to take care of her health.

Expressing your concern in a loving way might trigger a defensive reaction. And yet — you are her mother, and if you are brave enough to talk to her, you will be demonstrating that you care, that you see her eating disorder as an illness and not a character flaw and that you are available for help if she needs it.

Talk to her: “This is such a stressful time for you. I’m worried that your eating disorder could flare. How are you managing your health right now? Can I help you in any way?”

She may respond, “Mom — stop.” And that’s OK. You can respond, “Honey — I do worry, but I can handle my own anxieties. I just want you to know that I’ve got your back. Always.”

The National Eating Disorders Association (nationaleatingdisorders.org) offers helpful advice.

Dear Amy: My beloved husband left this physical earth 20 months ago.

I did not have a grave-stone unveiling.

Recently, a family friend went to visit our gravesite and place flowers there.

Our plaque has his date of birth and date of death.

She then posted a photo of this to Facebook and shared it with her entire “friends” list.

I was a bit shocked to see the picture, which I found because I was scrolling on my own Facebook page.

I realize our gravesite is public, but am I wrong in thinking that she should not have posted and shared

it everywhere without asking permission?

Am I a relic?

I found this to be disrespectful.

— Upset

Dear Upset: I can well imagine how you must have felt to see a photo of this memorial marker on social media.

For me, this begs the question: Can we do anything anymore that remains private?

I ask: Can we eat a meal, have an argument, do a good deed or visit a friend’s gravesite without posting an update about it?

You could contact your friend and say, “I’m so grateful that you visited my husband’s grave. Thank you so much for honoring us with the visit and flowers. However, I was sad to see that you posted a photo of it on Facebook. Seeing the photo without knowing it would be there was a shock for me. I wish you had asked me first.”

Dear Amy: I’m a bartender. Thank you so much for recognizing the role that responsible bartenders play in trying to keep our patrons safe.

Any customer who feels worried or unsafe should absolutely alert the bartender and/or security staff. We can often handle a situation safely and discreetly.

— Chicago Bartender

Dear Bartender: Thank you very sincerely for your service.

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

You can give a lot right now, but it shouldn’t be at the cost of your security. The bonds that link you to others will remind you that you can’t give everything away. It’s okay to focus on your own well-being! Make sure you’re not over-extending yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

You could find your tongue a bit sharper than usual, at least when it comes to some specific people. Be sure you’re not being reactionary, but if someone says something inappropriate, then you have every right to tell them off. You can be mindful of others and still defend your needs.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Don’t be surprised if you feel like you’re hearing voices today; your subconscious could alert you to potential messages from the universe. You can try to divine the cosmic meaning, but don’t force it. The more pressure you put on the situation, the harder it could get to understand.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

There could be conflicting vibes between you and the people you normally surround yourself with, but conflict doesn’t have to automatically turn into something negative. You’ll need to find a balance. Compromise is essential to keeping everyone satisfied, so be willing to listen.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

You can do things according to your own schedule, but remember that not everyone is following the same program as you. Your day could get thrown off course. A VIP might call upon you to perform at a moment’s notice, so change out of your pajamas and put on your most impressive attire.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Where you come from and where you are going are two very different places - especially right now. There is probably a lot happening in your immediate area, and you are perfectly tuned into it, reminding you that there’s so much more waiting for you out in the world.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Issues surrounding your sense of ownership may pop up today, so don’t be shocked if there are conversations about what’s yours. You could be dedicated to your own gains, but you have to consider other’s viewpoints. Stand your ground, but make sure it is your ground.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

It might be easy to push your buttons today, and someone could use that to their advantage. If a particular person decides to tell you a few hard truths, be willing to listen — just count to ten before you react. Your emotions could bubble up before you have time to fully process them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

It’s a great day for floating along in the slow lane, that is, until your responsibilities come calling forcing you to go from zero to sixty. Try to tend to any potential outstanding projects, even if you’d rather just take a nap, but feel free to leave anything that isn’t pressing for another day.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You could encounter a conundrum when it comes to socializing, especially when it comes to whether you want to group up or fly solo. Your creativity could have you more interested in exploring your own ideas than following anyone else’s. Make room for a difference of opinion.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You can make a lot of outward progress today, but if you’re building on top of shaky foundations then all that work could tumble down. Drama could get stirred up, or perhaps you have so many chores that you can’t focus on real achievements. Patience is key.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

Your vision could be focused on far-off lands, but there might be enough happening right outside your front door that you can’t actually go very far. You’ve likely got a case of wanderlust, but those vistas will get put on pause. You won’t need a passport to find excitement.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

LAOS CHINA
NEPAL INDIA
THAILAND CAMBODIA

JUMBLE

BIKINI GROWTH
CANVAS AFFORD
EITHER SUMMON

The accuracy of the atomic clock could be counted on —

TIME AND TIME AGAIN

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 12, 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed.

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, unanimously struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, exhorted Soviet leader Mikhail S.

Gorbachev to “tear down this wall.”

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death outside her Los Angeles home.

In 2016, a gunman opened fire at the Pulse nightclub, a gay establishment in Orlando, Florida, leaving 49 people dead and 53 wounded.

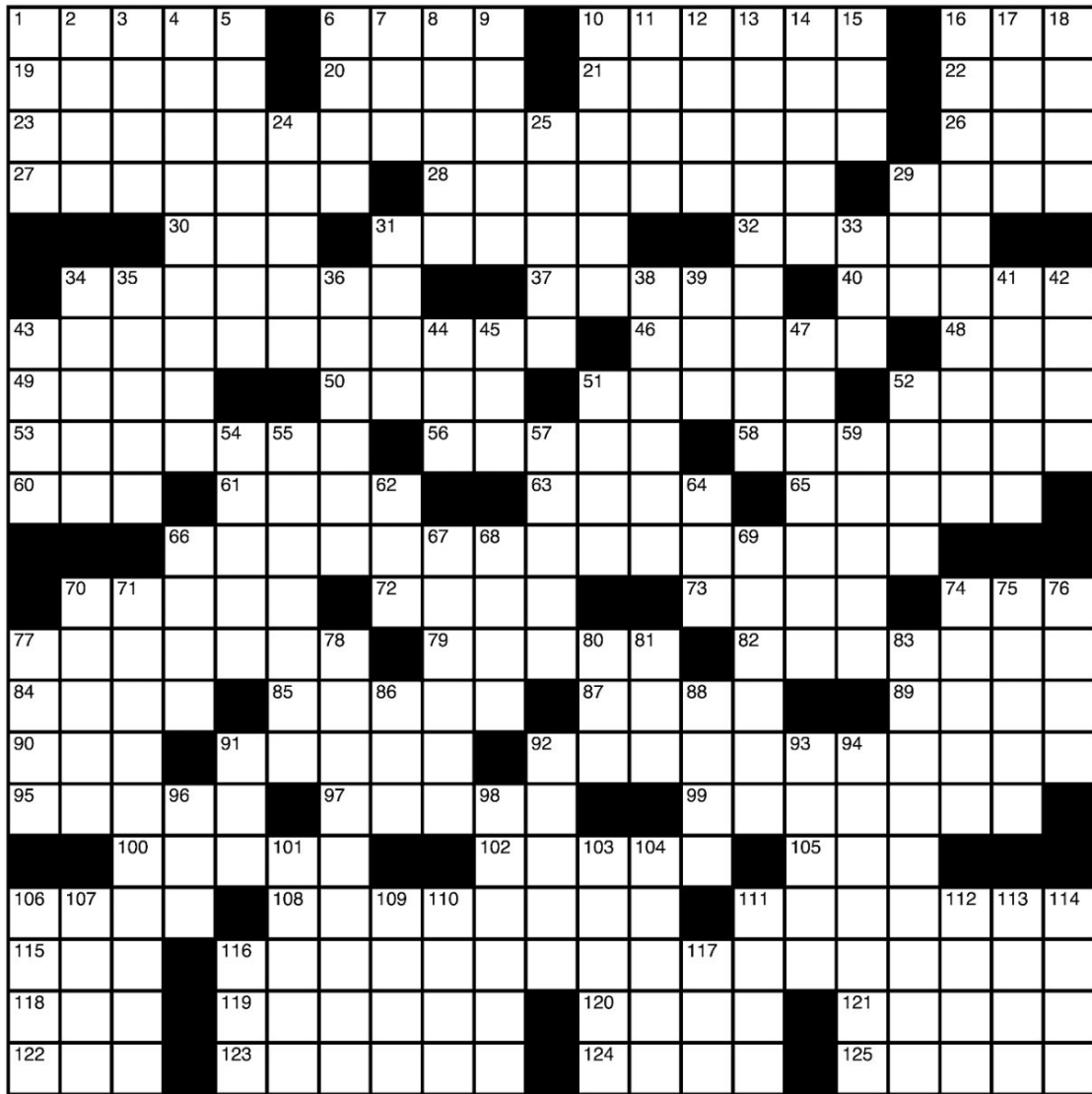
ARTS&LiVING

Where R U?

By Pam Amick Klawitter

Across

1. Language of many a motto
6. Sheepherding pig in a Best Picture nominee
10. Some bowling feats
16. Chef's toque, e.g.
19. Maine college town
20. Lena of "The Artist's Wife"
21. Some Tuscany natives
22. Actress Thurman
23. U
26. Neither here __ there
27. Grand spreads
28. Unproductive activity
29. Sitcom home of Johnny Fever
30. Embrace
31. Made less stringent
32. "I'm with you"
34. Sound sleepers?
37. Pet adoption org.
40. On the up and up?
43. U
46. Eye-related
48. With 69--Down, MVP of Super Bowl III
49. Posted
50. Verizon communications service
51. Beatrix Potter's real first name
52. Cougar on a sneaker
53. Orchestra leader
56. 100 smackers
58. Conference session
60. Low-risk investments: Abbr.
61. Glacier breakaway
63. College football fans sporting a blue "Y"
65. Smells awful
66. U
70. __ acid
72. Trillion: Pref.
73. Stand in line
74. Waze display
77. Washer cycle
79. Employee who works a lot?
82. Team symbols
84. Senate staffer
85. Bar mixers
87. Greek earth goddess
89. Santa __: dry California winds
90. "The Big Bang Theory" astrophysicist with a Yorkshire terrier named Cinnamon
91. Worked (up)
92. U
95. Leaving nothing out



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97. National Forest northwest of Orlando
99. Wrinkly dog
100. Wayfarer
102. Break up
105. Mai ____ cocktail
106. "Billions" actor Giamatti
108. Home for a pride
111. Road trip break
115. Old hoops gp.
116. U's
118. ____ La Table: cookware shop
119. Clear up
120. Nestlé chocolate bar with a bubbly texture

121. Time being
122. Barnyard pen
123. Dr. Scholl's purchase
124. Prune
125. Discover bit by bit

Down

1. Relaxed stride
2. God of war pursued by Wonder Woman
3. Civil wrong
4. Conspiring
5. Highway warning
6. Order (around)
7. Undefeated boxer Laila

8. Flora and fauna
9. Heath's "Brokeback Mountain" role
10. Zooms
11. Snaps
12. Hub of bubbly
13. Backup plans for outdoor events
14. Ramen mushroom
15. Govt.-issued ID
16. U
17. Love, in Spain
18. Waterproof cover
24. Jason of "How I Met Your Mother"
25. Lipstick mishap
29. GATT successor
31. Actor Morales

33. "Waterfalls" pop trio
34. Golf legend Sam
35. Dressed to the ___
36. Campaign promise
38. Written in verse
39. Certain NCO
41. 2011 Literature Nobel list
Tranströmer
42. 12 months
43. Camp Pendleton org.
44. "What's up, __?"
45. Last letter of many plural nouns
47. Subject of Newton's first law
51. Sanctified
52. Santa Monica landmark
54. Govt. security
55. Contrition
57. Part of a flower
59. Track events
62. __ reaction
64. Wrap (up)
66. French film
67. The Silver State
68. Some long-term investments,
briefly
69. See 48-Across
70. Bee-related
71. U
75. "Hidden Figures" actress Janelle
77. "Pong" company
76. Hushed "Hey!"
77. Bollywood dress
78. Inconsistent nutrition plans
80. Bigheadedness
81. Kind of cross
83. Noisy toy gun
86. Last mo.
88. Research org.
91. Netherlands airline
92. "On it"
93. Use DoorDash, say
94. Classification for some violent
films
96. "2 funny!"
98. One paying a flat fee?
101. Extraterrestrial
103. Make more lean
104. Gather
106. "No thanks"
107. Share a border
109. Quadri- doubled
110. Georgia Tech basketball coach
Fortner
111. Senior moment?
112. Song
113. Keiko in "Free Willy," for one
114. Hammer end
116. Inflation fig.
117. Ocean State sch.

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. “Blanks” used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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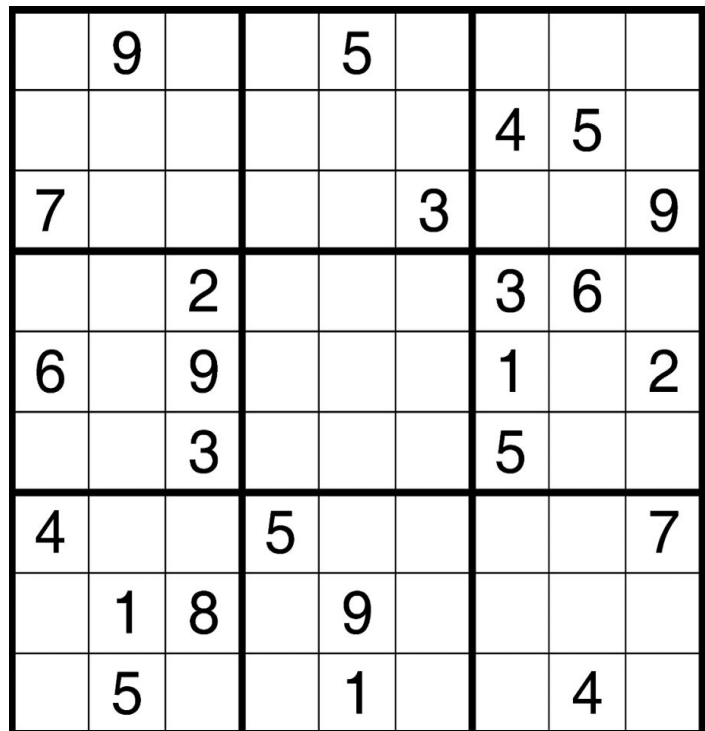
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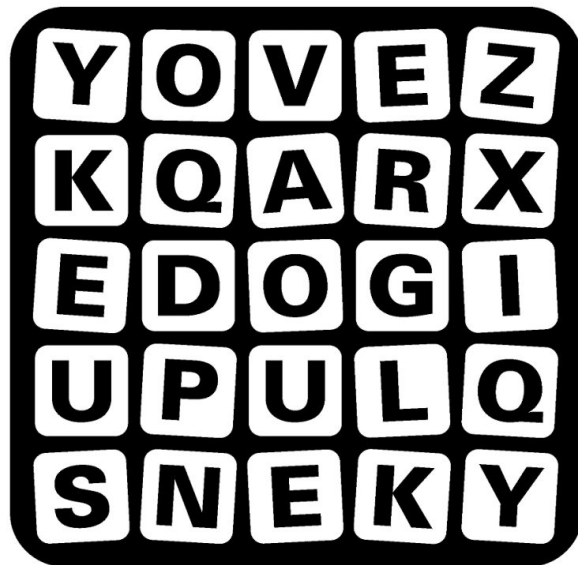
To play: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.



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6 letters	= 4 points
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MY PET WORLD

Make opportunities for biting feline to approach you

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: I can relate to the story of Nancy in Queens Village, New York, who couldn't pick up or touch her cats. Two years ago, we adopted two Siamese cats that were more than 2 years old. A year and a half later, they still hid from us and wouldn't let us pick them up. Charlie died around that time, but we still have Annie. Shortly after, we acquired an eight-week-old Siamese kitten from a breeder. Tiny is a year old now and a biter. He bites me, my husband, and Annie. Tiny also has eaten all my plants and broken all my statues. It's a mess. I wish Annie and Tiny would come over to my husband or me. All my previous Siamese cats were very affectionate. Any suggestions?

—Lainie, East Northport, Long Island, New York

Dear Lainie: It's tough to have cats you can't touch. All you can do is respect their wishes and create opportunities to approach you. You can help build trust by offering them treats, playing with them, sitting on the floor a few feet from where they are eating, or touching them with a grooming brush if they will allow it. You also could try to lure them to your lap by sitting on the couch with a cozy blanket. If they approach you or let you touch them, positively reinforce by talking sweetly and giving them treats.

As for Tiny, spray the plants with Bitter Apple to discourage chewing and move the plants to be more out of reach. Never use your hands to play with him. Use a feather teaser or laser pointer instead. Whenever he does bite, make a loud "Sstttt" sound to show your disapproval. I also suggest adding a pher-



Whenever your cat bites, make a loud "Sstttt" sound to stop him or her and show your disapproval, writes Cathy M. Rosenthal. **BOGDAN SONYACHNY/DREAMSTIME**

omone plug-in in the room they frequent the most. It can help take the edge off if they are anxious.

Dear Cathy: You always give great advice, but your recent advice of someone taking two cats on a plane (to move) is a terrible idea. I drove at age 60 from New Jersey to Las Vegas, taking more than three days. I gave my cat a doctor-ordered sedative, and my cat was zonked until the afternoon. Your idea of a family member (driving the cats) was excellent; 600 miles is nothing to a young person. For them, it's just a one-day trip.

—Jeff, Henderson, Nevada

Dear Jeff: Every pet owner must determine what will work best for them and their pets. I have moved 16 times as an adult. Since I have always had pets, I think nothing of driving my pets across the country. There are plenty of hotels that allow pets, so it's just a matter of planning ahead. But not everyone feels equipped for a three-day drive with their pets, not even me on some of my moves.

Once I felt overwhelmed at the thought of driving my three-month-old baby

and three cats from Indianapolis to Philadelphia, so I booked all of us on a nonstop flight. It snowed on the day of the flight (in March) and the flight got canceled. A family member ended up driving my cats (in snowy weather, no less) to my new home in Pennsylvania while I caught a later flight and prepared for their arrival. I also have flown my cats on long-distance moves (Denver to Washington, D.C., for example) because I had a toddler in tow and knew it would be easier to manage everything better if I kept our travel to one day.

So, these considerations should be made on a case-by-case basis. But like you, I prefer driving with my pets.

Dear Cathy: In a recent column, you suggested using carpet runners to transition (a dog) from carpeting to the floor. There is another, less expensive option. To provide better traction, we use old yoga mats. They're lightweight and can be switched around where needed. They also can be cleaned easily.

Love your weekly articles in the Arizona Daily Star. I am using a pheromone diffuser you suggested for cats, which has worked

great.

—Lynda, Tucson, Arizona

Dear Lynda: That's a great tip! Used yoga mats are an excellent option for providing traction to dogs who slide around or are unsteady on smooth surface floors. Garage sales might be a good place to find some. Thanks for sharing your idea.

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Should management address trouble in building's alley?



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: Alongside my apartment building, just under my bedroom window, there is a large dumpster for 20 residents. It is emptied two days per week, but until it is emptied, it is often sloppily overflowing with trash. The trash is also regularly on TOP of the dumpster instead of in it, even when there is room inside, and of course it smells.

Strangers often play a part in this problem as they approach the dumpster, rip open bags and pull out trash in search of redeemable 5-cent bottles. They then either leave the ripped bags askew or take them with them for storage, further destroying an already unsightly area with the mess they've left behind.

Along with this, two men have taken to using the same decrepit area to fix their cars on a daily basis. When doing so, I can hear drilling, see spot-lights and smell solvents, gasoline, etc. I do not know if they live in the units or not, nor if the management office knows about this makeshift auto body shop.

Should I mention it or not? I have already told management about smokers in the building (because of my health problems), and loud music that would start at 11:30 p.m. I am a fly-under-the-radar kind of person, but I feel I have legitimate concerns. Would I be viewed as a troublemaker if I mentioned these things?

Gentle reader: You will

definitely be viewed as a troublemaker. But Miss Manners would have asked a different question. Namely, "Is this not precisely the sort of trouble that building management is paid to address?"

Dear Miss Manners: My husband and I are moving to a small, charming city very popular with tourists. In the past, we have hosted guests in our small condo there, and we expect to continuing welcoming visitors to our slightly larger home. As we will now be locals, I plan to get involved in organizations and activities.

When we have guests, is it permissible for me to encourage them to do some activities on their own? We would provide them with a car, and spend part of every day with them, but now that we will no longer be visitors ourselves, I'd rather encourage our guests to be more independent. Is there a way to do that without being rude?

Gentle reader: It may not have occurred to you, but Miss Manners assures you that even the most grateful guests wonder how they can have some time on their own without seeming rude. It is up to you, as hosts, to set the schedule, explaining when you have time to be with them, and asking if they want suggestions about what to do in their free time.

Dear Miss Manners: My friend is standing up in my wedding. Can I dictate to her that I don't want her to dye her hair bright purple or red? I am very conservative and would like the pictures to reflect a certain decorum. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Gentle reader: Sorry. Miss Manners can be of

no help whatsoever with your desire to redecorate someone you supposedly cherish, in the interest of falsifying her in your wedding pictures.

Dear Miss Manners: The great debate over how to properly address women continues, especially in the South. But rather than ask Miss Manners to plant her feet firmly on either side of that fence, my question is: If a woman has clearly stated that she does not like being addressed as "ma'am," "Ms. First Name" or "young lady," is it OK for the other person to continue addressing her those ways, simply because it's "regional" or "how they were raised"?

Gentle reader: Exactly what would be accomplished by addressing a lady in a manner that she has specifically stated she dislikes? It is true that Miss Manners loses patience with the raw feelings that prompt people to take offense when well-meaning people address them. There are so many forms in use that it is easy to arouse the ire of someone who, for example, objects to such a respectful title as "ma'am."

Still, deliberately annoying someone who has warned you only makes the situation worse.

Dear Miss Manners: Is it OK to ask, on a first date, "What kind of car do you drive?"

Gentle reader: Only if it is in order to identify it when they pick you up for a second one.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Special socks for sensitive feet



Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have a lifelong problem that just keeps getting worse: tender, tender skin. Any little nub, knot, seam impediment, label, sequin backing, etc. All are an issue. The major problem prompting this question is the toe on my socks. Even the ones that claim to be for people with sensitive skin do so under false premises, because they ALL have the seam that goes across the top of the toes with the little knot at both ends and ALL are a problem for me. In a very short time this results in redness. Then rapid blistering. It creates agony for me.

My question to you is, do you have any knowledge where an actual seam-free sock can be found? I like to walk and cannot do it without socks, as the shoes themselves cause issues. Add to the seam issue the material socks are made with, even some of the cotton blends are too harsh. Add to that, why are all socks now made to hug the ankles so tight they leave indentations on the legs? This causes swelling in the upper part of the calf, which would not occur otherwise. In this day and age, is there nothing out there made without seams of some nice soft, durable material, that isn't toe-padded to the gills adding tightness to the shoe? Please can you help me? I'm desperate.

—Rosemary C.

Dear Rosemary: I get it! When your feet hurt, everything hurts. Let's solve your problem—which is not all that unusual. Aging might aggravate the sensitivi-



Not all "seamless" socks are seam-free. **DREAMSTIME**

ties, but many kids, teens and young adults need real seamless socks too. As you've discovered, not all "seamless" socks are seam-free. You rarely (if ever) find the real seamless on the racks in national store chains. An online search turns up some options that could work for you. And readers, let's help Rosemary and others like her. Send me your tried-and-true seamless sock choices. Meanwhile, Rosemary, here are some options to look into. Be sure to read the fine print and the return policies before purchasing and be prepared: They're more expensive than most everyday socks. All are available on amazon.com or at the sites listed:

- Bombas, **bombas.com**. A plus is Bombas donates a clothing item for someone in need for every item purchased.
- Smartknit, **smartknit.com**.
- Darn Tough, **darn tough.com**.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Where can I find a MEN's raincoat long enough to cover the knees? Ideally, it would also have a rain hood. I both walk and bicycle in the rain in the great city where I live, just like men and women do in Amsterdam. It seems

below-the-knee long coats are common for women, but not men.

—Chris W.

Dear Chris: I found a good selection of what you're looking for in a wide range of styles and prices. As I told Rosemary (above), you can shop in stores but when you know precisely what you want, you'll save time by heading to the internet. Walmart (**walmart.com**) has a lightweight long rain jacket with hood and a "Long Business Raincoat Hooded" in the \$20 range. At the other end of the price spectrum, Sweden's Stutterheim brand (**stutterheim.com**) gets high consumer ratings but comes with high prices like the hooded Long Zip Coconut LW at \$385. Uniqlo (**uniqlo.com**) has traditional khaki colored to-the-knee rainwear in the \$50-80 price range. Also, take a look at the Outback Trading Waterproof Unisex Oilskin Low Rider Duster (it has a hood) (**amazon.com**, \$199.99).

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Young caregivers ‘exist in the shadows’

Americans with health problems depend on children

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — Ronan Kotiya leans over his father, fingers wrapped around a plastic tube he’s about to slide from a tracheostomy hole in dad’s neck.

“3, 2, 1, go,” the 11-year-old says as he removes the tube. His mom slips a padded neck brace on her husband and lifts him into a sitting position.

Ronan’s 9-year-old brother, Keaton, waits nearby, ready to connect their dad, Rupesh Kotiya, to a portable ventilator.

“Ronan, do you want to suction daddy’s mouth and then get ready to go?” Siobhan Pandya asks after her son steers dad’s power wheelchair into the living room of the family’s Plano, Texas, home.

So begins another weekend for the brothers — two Harry Potter fans with mouths full of braces, a knack for building with Legos and some heavy caregiving responsibilities.

Their 46-year-old father has Lou Gehrig’s disease, a fatal illness that has taken his ability to speak and walk. A ventilator helps him breathe. He uses eye-tracking software to communicate through a tablet.

As many as 10 million children in the U.S. may provide some form of care at home, according to researcher Melinda Kavanaugh. Some kids are the only caregivers patients have, while others fill in when visiting nurses or other help is not available.

These children help cancer patients, military veterans, grandparents with heart disease or autistic siblings. Their work frequently goes unnoticed outside the home.



Ronan Kotiya, 11, right, holds his father Rupesh Kotiya’s ventilator tube April 10 at their home in Plano, Texas. **LM OTERO/AP**

“They exist in the shadows,” said Kavanaugh, an associate professor of social work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Kavanaugh and other researchers say the number of young caregivers is growing, and they need support. Caregiving is a task that children like Ronan and Keaton take seriously and something that their mom hopes will shape them into empathetic, strong young men.

But getting there first involves a struggle to balance being a kid with living in a very grown-up world.

The children spent a recent sunny Saturday afternoon at Texas Neurology in Dallas learning more about helping people with Lou Gehrig’s disease, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The illness destroys nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control

muscle movement.

Kavanaugh lined up several specialists to teach about communication, food preparation and the devices patients need. But one of her main goals for her YCare program was just to give the kids a chance to meet.

Loneliness is a problem, one that grew worse during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“A 10-year-old at school is not going to talk about toileting or bathing their parent, but they are going to talk about it here,” Kavanaugh said.

Each of the seven children attending — ranging in age from 8 to 12 — cares for a parent or grandparent with ALS.

Doctors diagnosed Rupesh Kotiya with ALS in October 2014, a month before his boys turned 4 and 2. Ronan and Keaton have no memories of their dad without the illness,

and they know he’s getting worse.

Keaton says it is getting harder for him to blink, a key way he communicates. The boy also remembers a recent night when Rupesh slept for over 12 hours and took a long nap the next afternoon.

“I’m like, should I be worried?” he said.

The boys started pitching in with care a few years ago, first by wiping away their dad’s tears or propping up his head during car rides.

Then they began helping Pandya move their father in and out of bed or onto the toilet.

They also put on his socks and shoes, help change his shorts and crush medicines.

Pandya, a senior director with the skin care and cosmetics company Mary Kay, has daytime and evening caregivers for her husband during the week.

But she has no paid assistance overnight or on the weekends.

Pandya tries to balance her boys’ caregiving with activities that offer some normalcy. Keaton takes tennis lessons and coding classes. Ronan plays striker on a youth soccer team.

Play — letting kids be kids — is crucial for development, says therapist Sarah Sutton, who has seen Ronan and Keaton for a few years.

“We play out conflict. We play out resolution. We play out the stories that are going on inside us,” Sutton says.

On weekends, Pandya lets the boys camp out in the family’s living room. It started as a treat early in the pandemic, when they couldn’t go anywhere else.

But there’s an ulterior motive: Having the boys sleep next to their parents’ bedroom makes it easier to

summon their help.

They may have to get trash bags and gloves if their dad has an accident during the night.

Before they set up camp on a recent Friday, the boys change into pajamas, and the family settles in the living room to watch the kids’ show “Legends of the Hidden Temple.”

The show ends, and Keaton steers dad back to the bedroom, where Pandya lifts him onto the mattress.

Keaton then uses a long wand to suction saliva pooling in his dad’s mouth.

Pandya finishes getting her husband ready for bed while Ronan and Keaton scamper back to the living room.

There, they sprawl on top of sleeping bags, munching chips and candy as they squeeze in a little more TV before crawling inside to sleep.

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Isotretinoin, formerly known as Accutane, reduces acne

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.

King Features Syndicate

Q: When I was 18 years old, I had severe acne. The dermatologist prescribed a type of vitamin A prescription. It got rid of my acne within a few months. I then stopped taking the pills due to possible toxicity. My cousin had a similar experience. It felt like a miracle, as the acne never returned.

Now my grandson is 18. He has very bad acne, and the treatment is not yielding good results. How can we find a dermatologist who prescribes the pills we took, so he doesn’t throw his money away on unsuccessful treatments?

A: We suspect that the drug you are describing is isotretinoin. It was originally prescribed by the brand name Accutane.

Although that brand is no longer available, dermatologists can still prescribe isotretinoin. Because isotretinoin can cause birth defects if taken during pregnancy, it must be dispensed by a certified specialty pharmacy with precautions in place to prevent pregnant people from taking it. Another risk is severe depression. Any dermatologist who treats severe acne should be familiar with isotretinoin.

Q: Like other readers of your newspaper column, I have problems swallowing big pills. I take the diabetes drug metformin twice a day, and it does not come in small sizes. Initially I cut the large tablets in half to swallow them. I have also crushed pills and taken them with applesauce. Then my son told me to turn my head to the left while swallowing to get



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the pill to go down. This works wonderfully. He was a Green Beret medic for 24 years, so maybe this is something he learned in his training.

A: Your son is onto a well-established strategy for swallowing pills. A study of children who had trouble getting pills down found that changing head position by turning to the left or the right could be helpful (Paediatrics & Child Health, May-June 2010). The authors report that “Success was achieved in all 33 children who practiced for 14 days.”

Researchers also recommend the “pop-bottle” technique by “placing a tablet on the tongue and closing the lips tightly around a flexible container such as a plastic bottle. The consumer then swallows the tablet through a suction motion of water as they tilt the head back” (Patient Preference and Adherence, July 26, 2018).

Q: My husband was put on a very high fiber diet a while ago, including a daily fiber supplement. This seems to be causing a lot of intestinal gas, which is very uncomfortable — for him AND me! Beans are

problematic, of course, but other foods seem to cause this as well. Do you have any suggestions? He’s tried using Beano with beans, but it had minimal effect.

A: It can take time for the digestive tract to adjust to a high-fiber diet. In the meantime, though, he shouldn’t have to suffer. Each person may vary in their sensitivities. Some individuals react badly to apples, while others find broccoli and cabbage are culprits. A diary of foods and flatus events can help identify which meals require the most attention.

While Beano helps some people, others do better with activated charcoal. Unfortunately, there is little scientific support for this approach.

Pepto Bismol (bismuth subsalicylate) can help control odor but won’t reduce the quantity of gas produced.

Other options include probiotics or herbs such as asafoetida, fennel or turmeric.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Mayo Clinic

Q: My father has had COPD for years, but he was hospitalized for worsening symptoms. His health care provider advised that he should begin a pulmonary rehabilitation program. He is unsure of what to expect. What are the benefits of pulmonary rehabilitation in people with COPD? Do you recommend it for people with other lung conditions?

A: Pulmonary rehabilitation is a medically supervised program that includes exercise training, health education, behavior modification, nutritional counseling and the learning of breathing techniques for people who have certain chronic respiratory diseases or lung problems. Pulmonary rehabilitation seeks to improve the physical and psychological condition of people with chronic respiratory disease, and educate these people on how to maintain behaviors that will benefit their health for years to come.

Pulmonary rehabilitation is beneficial for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD. It has been shown to reduce symptoms of breathlessness, improve physical function and enhance quality of life. Research has shown that people who start pulmonary rehabilitation within three months of hospitalization for COPD-related issues are at significantly lower risk of death after one year, compared to those who start pulmonary rehabilitation later or those who do not take part in pulmonary rehabilitation. More evidence is emerging that pulmonary rehabilitation improves symptoms, exercise capacity and quality of life in people with conditions such as interstitial lung disease, asthma, pulmo-



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nary hypertension and cystic fibrosis, as well as in people before and after surgery for lung cancer, lung volume reduction or a lung transplant.

Although pulmonary rehabilitation is traditionally performed in a clinic or hospital setting under direct medical supervision, increasing evidence suggests that home-based pulmonary rehabilitation, particularly home-based exercise training, is safe and possibly just as effective. Such home-based rehabilitation may be more convenient for participants.

Exercise training is central to pulmonary rehabilitation. An individualized exercise training plan often is based on the information gathered from exercise tests performed before starting the program. Exercise training, which combines aerobic exercise, such as treadmill walking or riding a bike; strength training; and exercises that improve balance and flexibility, is designed to improve strength and stamina, and reduce breathlessness, fatigue and tiredness. The rehabilitation team may recommend using medication to open up the airways before exercise or teach

people how to adjust their regular oxygen therapy during exercise to maximize the benefits gained.

Participants also may learn specific breathing techniques such as diaphragmatic breathing, pursed lip breathing or yoga breathing. These techniques can help people with lung conditions better control their breathing, and help them better cope with stressful situations and avoid feeling out of breath.

Education and counseling are also key parts of pulmonary rehabilitation. Participants may receive education on how to more effectively take their medicines and manage their disease; develop a plan to quit smoking, if applicable; and discuss how routine daily tasks can be modified to minimize breathlessness. Overall, participation in pulmonary rehabilitation is a critical component in managing COPD.

— *Bryan Taylor, Ph.D., Cardiovascular Disease, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida*

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At 90, Japan’s star poet ‘can write as I want’

Writing poetry in the past was a job, but Tanikawa says it has become really fun

By Yuri Kageyama
Associated Press

Shuntaro Tanikawa used to think poems descended like an inspiration from the heavens. As he grew older — he is now 90 — Tanikawa sees poems as welling up from the ground.

The poems still come to him, a word or fragments of lines, as he wakes up in the morning. What inspires the words comes from outside. The poetry comes from deep within.

“Writing poetry has become really fun these days,” he said recently in his elegant home in the Tokyo suburbs.

Shelves were overflowing with books. His collection of ancient bronze animal figurines stand in neat rows in a glass box next to stacks of his favorite classical music CDs.

“In the past, there was something about its being a job, being commissioned. Now, I can write as I want,” he said.

Tanikawa is among Japan’s most famous modern poets, and a master of free verse on the everyday. He has more than a hundred poetry books published. With titles like “To Live,” “Listen” and “Grass,” his poems are stark, rhythmical but conversational, defying elaborate traditional literary styles.

William Elliott, who has translated Tanikawa for years, compares his place in Japanese poetic history to how T. S. Eliot marked the beginning of a new era in English poetry.

Tanikawa is also a reputed translator, having translated Charles Schulz’s “Peanuts” comic strip into Japanese since the 1970s. He demonstrated his ear for the poetic in the colloquial with finesse, choosing “yare yare” for “good grief,”

transcending the lifestyle differences of East and West in the universal world of children and animals.

“He was more a poet or a philosopher,” Tanikawa said of Schulz.

Tanikawa has translated many others’ works, including Mother Goose, as well as Maurice Sendak and Leo Lionni. In turn, his works have been widely translated, including into Chinese and European languages.

Tanikawa’s poem “Two Billion Light-Years of Solitude” catapulted him to stardom in the early 1950s. Tanikawa had his eyes on the cosmos and Earth’s spot in the universe, years before Gabriel Garcia Marquez wrote the magical realism classic, “One Hundred Years of Solitude.”

Tanikawa was always in demand, the darling of poetry readings around the world, a rare example of a poet who effortlessly crossed over to commercialism without compromising his art.

But poetry used to be a job — his profession, his daily work.

Tanikawa is the lyricist for the Japanese theme song for Osamu Tezuka’s TV animated series “Astro Boy.” He also wrote the script for the narration of Kon Ichikawa’s documentary of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. A popular author of children’s picture books, he is often featured in textbooks.

He swears he doesn’t have “projects” anymore because of his age, which has made walking and going out more difficult. But in the same breath he says he is collaborating with his musician son Kensaku Tanikawa, who lives next door, on what they call “Piano Twitter.”

He has already written



Shuntaro Tanikawa, a Japanese poet and translator, reads one of his poems on May 25 in Tokyo. EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

dozens of poems to go with the score. They are all short, more abstracted than his past work, conjuring surreal images like staircases descending to nowhere, or a caterpillar dancing uncontrollably.

He isn’t sure how the work will be presented, but speculated it could become a book with a barcode so readers can listen to the poems being read with music online.

Among his voluminous output, he is most proud of his 1970s “Kotoba Asobi Uta” series, which utilized singsong alliterations and onomatopoeia, as the title “Word Play Songs” implies.

One repeats the phrase “kappa,” a mythical monster, as in: “kappa kapparatta,” which translates to “the kappa took off with something” — a “rappa,” a “trumpet,” as it turns out in a later line. The poetry is, both visually and

aurally, a sheer celebration of the Japanese language.

That was unique, Tanikawa said, and he still likes what he came up with.

“For me, the Japanese language is the ground. Like a plant, I place my roots, drink in the nutrients of the Japanese language, sprouting leaves, flowers and bearing fruit,” he said.

Married and divorced three times — to a poet, an actor and an illustrator — Tanikawa stressed he was changing with age, noting 90 felt much older than 80, and he was getting forgetful.

Yet he appeared on a recent sunny afternoon totally comfortable with social media and everyday technology, although he used a magnifying glass to make out fine print. He was curious about new movies, including what might be on Netflix. He likes eating cookies, he said, looking

more like a mischievous child than the great-grandfather that he is.

He usually works at his huge desk in a spacious study, which has a window that lets in the breeze and a fuzzy ray of light. It looks out into a yard with flowers. On the wall hangs a sepia-toned portrait of his mother with his father, Tetsuzo Tanikawa, a philosopher.

While growing up, Tanikawa was more afraid about his mother’s dying than of any other death. He also remembers how he saw corpses upon corpses after the American air raids of Tokyo during World War II.

“Death has become more real. It used to be more conceptual when I was young. But now my body is approaching death,” he said.

He hopes to die as his father did, in his sleep after

a night of partying, at 94.

“I am more curious about where I go when I die. It’s a different world, right? Of course, I don’t want pain. I don’t want to die after major surgery or anything. I just want to die, all of a sudden,” he said.

When asked to read his works out loud, he doesn’t hesitate.

He reads excerpts from his latest collaboration with his son. Then he reads his debut work that, translated into English, ends with these lines: “The universe is twisted,/ That is why we try to connect,/ The universe keeps expanding,/ That is why we are all afraid./ In two billion light-years of solitude/ I suddenly sneeze.”

So what does he think?

“It feels like a poem written by someone else,” Tanikawa said.

But it’s a good poem? He nods with conviction.

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **“Sparring Partners”** by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: —*



2. **“Meant to Be”** by Emily Giffin (Ballantine) *Last week: —*

3. **“Nightwork”** by Nora Roberts (St. Martin’s) *Last week: 1*

4. **“22 Seconds”** by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown) *Last week: 4*

5. **“Run, Rose, Run”** by Dolly Parton and James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: 7*

6. **“Dream Town”** by David Baldacci (Grand Central) *Last week: 6*

7. **“Clive Cussler’s Dark Vector”** by Graham Brown (Putnam) *Last week: 3*

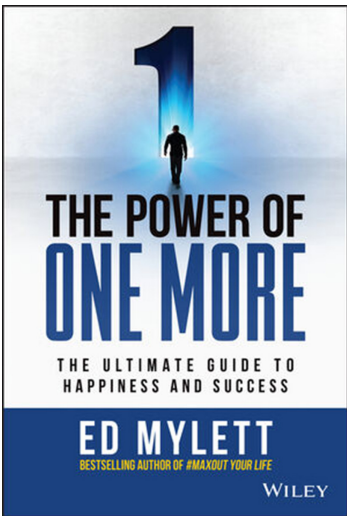
8. **“The Summer Place”** by Jennifer Weiner (Atria) *Last week: 8*

9. **“One Italian Summer”** by Rebecca Serle (Atria) *Last week: 18*

10. **“The Homewreckers”** by Mary Kay Andrews (St. Martin’s) *Last week: 13*

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2. **“Happy-Go-Lucky”** by David Sedaris (Little, Brown) *Last week: —*

3. **“Killing the Killers: The Secret War Against Terrorists (Bill O’Reilly’s Killing Series)”** by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard (St. Martin’s) *Last week: 1*

4. **“Finding Me”** by Viola Davis (HarperOne) *Last week: 2*

5. **“Here’s the Deal: A Memoir”** by Kellyanne Conway (Threshold) *Last week: —*

6. **“Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience”** by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 3*

7. **“The Bodies of Others”** by Naomi Wolf (All Seasons) *Last week: —*

8. **“Fighting Words Devotional: 100 Days of Speaking Truth into the Darkness”** by Ellie Holcomb (B&H) *Last week: 6*

9. **“Half Baked Harvest Every Day: Recipes for Balanced, Flexible, Feel-Good Meals: A Cookbook”** by Tieghan Gerard (Clarkson Potter) *Last week: 7*

10. **“Mordenkainen Presents: Monsters of the Multiverse”** (Wizards of the Coast) *Last week: 5*

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— Publishers Weekly

NONFICTION REVIEWS

An amusing look at life’s ironies

Almost everyone has a dysfunctional family, but few expose their relatives’ funny, embarrassing and even disturbing quirks quite like writer and humorist David Sedaris.

Anyone who has read Sedaris’ essays in The New Yorker magazine knows about his large Greek American family and his boyfriend, Hugh, who form an awkward but loving ensemble cast.

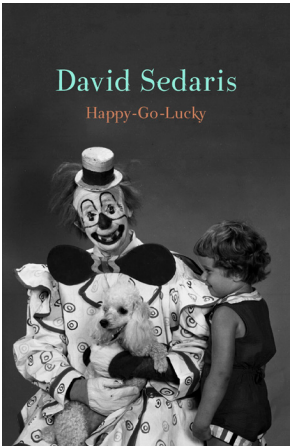
In “Happy-Go-Lucky,” a new collection of poignant, honest and funny essays, Sedaris is bothered when he notices the crepe-like skin between one sister’s chest and neck, lamenting that his once beautiful sisters are aging. “It just seems cruel,” he says.

Writing about his teen years, Sedaris is simultaneously amusing and brutal while unflinchingly exposing the ironies of his family and life in general. In one anecdote, his father, Lou, yanks a sister naked out of the shower. In another, Lou subjects the young David to a humiliating examination when he claimed to be sick.

Elsewhere in this collection of essays, Sedaris shines a harsh light on his experiences during the pandemic, from grocery shopping early on to his return to nonstop travel for work, walking through empty airports, past shuttered businesses, closed lounges, painting a somewhat troubling picture of life in America today.

In a North Carolina airport, he encounters what initially appears to be a fig that turns out to be a turd, most likely a dog’s. “What has this world come to?” he wonders.

Sedaris also reflects on the little things from pre-pandemic life that he never appreciated before: being handed a restaurant menu, reading banal text messages over a stranger’s shoulder. — Anita Snow, Associated Press



‘Happy-Go-Lucky’
By David Sedaris; Little, Brown and Company, 272 pages, \$29.

Most people probably know Selma Blair from her memorable roles in late ’90s/early 2000s hit films such as “Cruel Intentions,” “Legally Blonde” and “Hellboy.” Perhaps others are familiar with her work as a model. Or maybe they’ve heard about her midlife multiple sclerosis diagnosis and the recent documentary, “Introducing, Selma Blair.”

What they don’t know — and couldn’t until now — is the devastating trauma the Michigan-born Selma Blair Beitner has suffered during her 49 years.

Blair details all of it in her captivating and unflinching memoir, “Mean Baby.” Her addiction to alcohol. Being sexually assaulted by a trusted high school administrator and raped during a college spring break trip to Florida. Plus, multiple suicide attempts and stunts in rehab. Raw and real, “Mean Baby” is Blair’s life in words — warts and all. And well worth the time, because, believe it or not, it’s also funny. And uplifting.

Her mother, Molly Cooke, is a recurring presence in the book. The lawyer and workers’ compensation magistrate served as Blair’s role model



‘Mean Baby’
By Selma Blair; Knopf, 320 pages \$30.

and confidante, despite dispensing sometimes painfully harsh truths along the way. Blair’s adoration for her mom is clear, making Cooke’s 2020 death all the more difficult for the author.

Blair also recounts her Hollywood friendships (Reese Witherspoon and Carrie Fisher), romances (Jason Schwartzman) and run-ins, memorably how she met pop star Britney Spears while both were in rehab in Malibu. Also, she bit Seth MacFarlane (hand) and Sienna Miller (arm) upon meeting them.

Now, as for the title — Blair was born into it.

“I was a mean, mean baby. I came into this world with my mouth pulled into a perpetual snarl,” she wrote. “From the very beginning, I was misunderstood.”

Blair may have been misunderstood back in 1972, but after a half-century of searching, she appears to have found her truth. And the love of her life — a son, Arthur, to whom she dedicates the book and credits in part for a new outlook.

“The mean baby is still there, but her edges are softer, wiser, kinder.”

And capable of producing a dazzling and intense memoir. — Mike Householder, Associated Press

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COMMENTARY

Defectors will be known by company they keep



Dom Amore

This is the time of year when golf moves to the center of our sports consciousness. In a couple of weeks many of the world's best will converge on Connecticut to play in the Travelers Championship and the buzz has always been about who is coming.

One by one we learned which

of the best have committed to play at the TPC and we keep score. Six of the top 10? Seven? We've come to expect big names showing up, and they do.

But this year 2022 has brought contamination to the process, and we've been paying attention instead to who's dropping out, or no longer allowed to participate. Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau, we learned in recent weeks had signed on to play in the Saudi-funded LIV Golf Tour and will not be in Cromwell June 23-26. Though Mickelson had not committed to the Travelers,

Johnson, the 2020 champion, and DeChambeau had.

The PGA has suspended 17 golfers, nine of whom had previously resigned, who had signed on to play in the first LIV event which, by the way, was not on my viewing calendar.

"These players have made their choice for their own financial-based reasons," PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan wrote, in his message to the players remaining on the tour. "But they can't demand the same PGA Tour membership benefits, considerations, opportunities and platform as you."

Mickelson, one of the most popular players when he played at the Travelers in 2021, has become the poster boy for Saudi "sportswashing."

The threat of new events springing up outside the PGA Tour has been around for years. Greg Norman, famous for his collapses in the majors, has been pushing to go rogue and choke the PGA for a long time. He is LIV Golf's CEO, with the oppressive Saudi regime's financial backing, and is in a position to do it. It's offering hundreds of millions, to be dispensed in guaranteed payouts, and the opportunity

for the big name golfer to make more money while playing fewer events, and not have to make the cut to get paid.

Since the PGA doesn't run the majors, the LIV signees will be able to play in the U.S. Open this coming week at The Country Club Brookline, Mass., where there will be some awkward press conferences to be sure. Hopefully, no reporters are removed, as was the case at a LIV presser this week, perhaps a harbinger of what this alternative golf universe will look like.

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BASEBALL ST. PAUL 5, SOMERS 0

Mission accomplished

Falcons wash away last year's disappointment in Class S title game with impressive performance

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN — Top-seeded St. Paul felt as if it had a target on its back throughout its entire tournament run.

With inspiration coming from a loss in the 2021 Class S state title game, the Falcons made it back to Palmer Field for revenge — and earned it with a 5-0 win over No. 3 Somers on Saturday.

"That bus ride home [in 2021], I remember it like it was yesterday," St. Paul coach Victor Rinaldi said. "After the Coginchaug game it was silent. And then right as we were about to pull into St. Paul, one of the returners said, 'This isn't gonna happen next year. We're gonna work our butts off to get back here and give us a chance to win.'"

The Falcons broke things open with urgency as four of their first five hitters made solid contact against Somers lefty Kaede Wood in the first inning. They scored three runs in the first after RBIs from Ryan Daniels, Mario Izzo and Joey Tonnotti.

St. Paul then went quiet — that is until Daniels, a UConn commit, launched a two-run homer over the right-field fence to give the Falcons a 5-0 fourth-inning lead.

Facing a 3-0 count, Daniels had



St. Paul catcher Casey Cerruto races toward the mound as pitcher Joseph Tonnotti raises his arms in celebration after the Falcons defeated Somers on Saturday in the CIAC Class S championship game at Palmer Field in Middletown. Tonnotti finished with 10 strikeouts in St. Paul's 5-0 win. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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HORSE RACING

Mo Donegal finishes 1st at Belmont

By Jake Seiner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Triple Crown veteran Todd Pletcher had simple advice Saturday for jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. before the Belmont Stakes.

"Be patient," Pletcher said. "I think you have the best last quarter of any horse in the race."

Sometimes, less is Mo.

Mo Donegal pulled away down the home stretch and held off filly Nest to win the Belmont Stakes, giving Pletcher a 1-2 finish and his sixth Triple Crown victory, including four at this track on the outskirts of New York City.

"To be honest with you, we were a little confident going into the race today," Donegal Racing CEO and co-owner Jerry Crawford said. "When he turned for home, I was like, forget about it. I know Todd thought he could get a strong last quarter mile, and he sure did."

Mo Donegal rounded the 1½-mile track in 2 minutes, 28.28 seconds, ahead of Nest and Skippy-longstocking. Pletcher, who lives on Long Island, adds another Belmont title following wins with Rags to Riches in 2007, Palace Malice in 2013 and Tapwrit in 2017.

Rich Strike, a stunning Kentucky Derby winner at 80-to-1 odds, was sixth.

Mo Donegal beat a wide-open, eight-horse field without a clear favorite — We the People, a monster in the mud, opened at 2 to 1 amid a rainy forecast but reached 7 to 2 by race time as showers held off.

Mo Donegal entered the gate the betting favorite at 5 to 2. We the People led for much of the race, but Mo Donegal and Ortiz took charge coming out of the final turn.

The 3-year-old colt paid \$7.20, \$3.80 and \$3. Nest — who nearly became Pletcher's second filly to win Belmont after Rags to Riches — paid \$5.30 and \$4.10. Skippy-longstocking returned \$5.60 to show. We the People finished fourth.

Rich Striker owner Rick Dawson and trainer Eric Reed held the Kentucky Derby winner

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SOFTBALL CROMWELL 3, NORTH BRANFORD 0

Cromwell wins its first state championship

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

STRATFORD — Saturday morning the Cromwell softball players were relaxed. There was music playing in the gym during batting practice and they were

dancing. Coach Angelo Morello couldn't believe it. They had a state championship game that afternoon, the first one in program history. But that's how they had acted all season.

"I've seen it from Day 1," he said. "I never had a club that just got

along and had fun and made me have fun. I let a lot of things go."

That mood lasted until the first pitch of the Class S championship game against North Branford at DeLuca Field. Junior pitcher Lily Kenney uncharacteristically walked the first batter.

"I knew it was nerves," Cromwell catcher Victoria Wiatrak said. "I wasn't worried about it."

The Cromwell defense turned a double play, Kenney struck out the next batter and the Panthers

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COMMENTARY

Remembering a friend with 'One More Lap' on the Litchfield Hills Road Race weekend



Lori Riley

There were certain road races that Tony Cistulli loved and would not miss, no matter what.

One was the Litchfield Hills Road Race.

Last June the race's usual boisterous atmosphere was missing due to COVID-19 concerns when it was in its planning stages.

It began in the morning instead of the traditional 1 p.m. start and did not start and finish on the Town Green. There were no parties and no throngs of onlookers cheering the runners

up the Gallows Lane hill or down Main Street to the finish line.

That did not deter Cistulli. Nor did the fact that he had been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer the year before.

He still signed up for all his favorite races last summer despite the fact he couldn't train for any of them. He was ready to simply experience them.

When I arrived at Litchfield last June to write a race story, I was planning to run alone. Then I spotted Tony and we ran and walked the bucolic 7.1-mile course together, slowly and memorably.

Cistulli, of New Hartford, ran 17 miles at the Anchor Down Ultramarathon in Rhode Island last August, missing out on a finisher's medal by one 2 ½-mile

lap. When the race director found out, he sent Tony a medal.

He finished the Hogsback Half Marathon in Colebrook, another favorite, on Sept. 25. It would be his last race.

The week before Christmas he had complications resulting from the cancer, which led to sepsis. With his immune system racked by chemotherapy, he had no chance. Tony died two days after Christmas. He was 57.

Litchfield is back Sunday in its full glory — the cannon blast at the 1 p.m. start, an elite field, parties along the course and a totally different vibe than last year.

No doubt Tony would have loved it.

"Fun day ahead here in Litchfield," Tony wrote on his Facebook page.

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Trying to stay alive

Lightning left wing Ondrej Palat, left, loses the puck in front of Rangers defenseman K'Andre Miller during the first period in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals Saturday night in Tampa, Fla., as New York fought to stay alive down 3-2 in the series. The game was not over in time for this edition, go to www.courant.com/sports for the result. CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Finals: at Warriors (Game 5), Monday, 9 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 6), Thursday, 9 p.m.; at Warriors (Game 7, if necessary), June 19, 8 p.m.
Rangers: Eastern Conference Finals: vs. Lightning (Game 7, if necessary), Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Mariners, Sunday, 4 p.m.; Athletics, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Athletics, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Cubs, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Angels, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Portland, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Akron, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Akron, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Sun: Dream: Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Storm, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Mystics, June 19, 2 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Memphis, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta United II, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Louisville City, June 25, 1 p.m.

TV/RADIO

ACTION SPORTS
1 p.m.: Pickleball PPA Championships: San Clemente. (Live) TENNIS
AUTO RACING
6:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Azerbaijan Grand Prix. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: IndyCar Racing Sonrio Grand Prix at Road America. (Live) NBC
4 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Toyota / Save Mart 350. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
1 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN ESPN2 ESPNU
1:30 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Detroit Tigers. (Live) SPRTNET
1:30 p.m.: Chicago Cubs at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
4 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2 ESPNU
7 p.m.: New York Mets at Los Angeles Angels. (Live), ESPN. Radio: 880.
7 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
10 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Oregon State vs Auburn. (Live) ESPN2
10 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPNU
BICYCLING
9:30 a.m.: Criterium Du Dauphine, Stage 8. (Live) CNBC
BOWLING
5 p.m.: PWBA BVL Classic. (Live) CBSSN
FOOTBALL
4 p.m.: USFL Football Tampa Bay Bandits vs New Orleans Breakers. (Live) FOX
7:30 p.m.: USFL Football Philadelphia Stars vs Pittsburgh Maulers. (Live) FS1
1 a.m.: Collingwood Magpies vs Melbourne Demons. (Live) FSP
GOLF
7:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
12 p.m.: Shoprite LPGA Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: Shoprite LPGA Classic, Final Round. (Live) CBS
1 p.m.: RBC Canadian Open, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: RBC Canadian Open, Final Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: American Family Insurance Championship, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
5 p.m.: 2022 Curtis Cup, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
8 p.m.: BMW Charity Pro-Am, Final Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
MOTORCYCLE RACING
10 a.m.: Motocross MX2 Germany: Race 1. (Live) CBSSN
11 a.m.: Motocross MXGP Germany: Race 1. (Live) CBSSN
1 p.m.: Live: FIM Superbike World Championship Motorcycle Racing Pirelli Emilia-Romagna Round. (Live) CNBC
RUGBY
11 a.m.: Premiership Rugby Leicester Tigers vs Northampton Saints. (Same-day Tape) CNBC
SOCCER
6 a.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Montenegro vs Bosnia. (Taped) FSP
9 a.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Northern Ireland vs Cyprus. (Live) FS1
12 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Norway vs Sweden. (Live) FS1
12 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer North Macedonia vs Gibraltar. (Live) FSP

CELTICS COMMENTARY

Team can't afford to have Tatum struggle

By Karen Guregian
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The Celtics needed a heroic performance from Jayson Tatum, their resident superstar and All-NBA first-teamer, in order to seize control of their NBA Finals series with the Warriors. They needed the type of performance Steph Curry (43 points, 10 in the fourth quarter) delivered, allowing the Warriors to tie the series heading back to San Francisco for Game 5. Only Tatum didn't match that cape-on, put-the-team-on-your-back, rise-to-the-occasion type of effort Golden State got from their veteran star. Clinging to a five-point lead with 7:32 to go in the game, Tatum wasn't the closer the Celtics desperately needed on the floor. He wasn't the same player who took down the Milwaukee Bucks in Game 6 of that series with a brilliant 46-point effort. Instead, he struggled down the stretch and couldn't come through during crunch time. Of his 23 points, only three came in the fourth quarter, as Tatum connected on just one of five attempts. Shooting 8-for-23 overall in what could have been a kill-shot type of game up 2-1 in the series isn't going to get the job done. Neither is having a Marcus Smart 3-point launch party with the game on the line as both Tatum and Jaylen Brown remained silent leaving others to try and win the game. Celtics head coach Ime Udoka had taken both Tatum and Brown aside following a time out at that crucial juncture in the fourth quarter with the team up by five, to maybe try and light a fire under his two stars. Or maybe he once again suggested they stop playing like A-holes, as he did to the group in Game 3. Whether Udoka went to the insult, or propped them both up, it didn't work with the C's being outscored 21-6 from that point on. Tatum just couldn't find the proper balance or rhythm between shooting and passing. And that was how it was much of the time in the Celtics' 107-97 loss to the Warriors, with the series now tied 2-all. "Him being the player he is, these are the moments where he has to come alive and figure it out," said Smart, who had 18 points. "He will. We don't know when it is, but we're sure it's going to happen soon, we're ready for it, and we're here to back him up." Tatum can't come alive soon enough, especially with two of the remaining



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum reacts during the fourth quarter of Game 4 of the NBA Finals against the Warriors on Friday in Boston. STEVEN SENNE/AP

three games — if it goes that far — out west. Along with his 11 rebounds and 6 assists, Tatum also committed six of the team's 16 turnovers, the latter being a sign of his indecision at times. "Give them credit, they're a great team. They're playing well. They got a game plan, things like that," Tatum said following the loss. "But it's on me. I got to be better. I know I'm impacting the game in other ways, but I got to be more efficient, shoot the ball better, finish at the rim better. "I take accountability for that. I just look forward to Monday. Leave this one behind us. Learn from it, watch the film, things like that, but everybody probably feels like they got to be better, myself included. Just go get it on Monday." The C's led by five at the half, trailed by one after the third quarter, quickly took a lead in the fourth, and just couldn't keep it together. The offense was stagnant, losing the ball movement that's made them so successful. Udoka was asked about Tatum's struggles at the rim, and harkened back to a familiar theme with his star. "At times he's looking for fouls. They are a team that loads up in certain games," Udoka said. "He's finding the outlets. Shooting over two, three guys. That's the balance of being aggressive and picking your spots and doing what he's done in previous games, which is kicked it out and got wide-open looks. "That's the ongoing theme so to speak, him getting to the basket, being a scorer as well as a playmaker. They do a good job with their rotations. Sometimes hunting fouls instead of going to finish. I've seen that in a few games so far."

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Former player Diarra named director of player development

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

All Mamadou Diarra wanted was the chance to continue working with the UConn men's basketball team after graduating with a master's degree from UConn in May. On Tuesday, Diarra started his first day as the director of player development. Diarra will replace Taliek Brown, who departed the program in May to become an assistant coach at Iona College. Diarra played with the

Huskies from 2016-19 until a chronic knee condition forced him to retire. He transitioned to a student assistant, and eventually became a graduate assistant with the team for two seasons. In his new role Diarra will work closely with players on and off the court. "I always felt like my relationship with the players, being a former player and knowing what players need are things I can use to my advantage when it comes to coaching," he told the Courant. "I felt like this was

a stepping stone that ultimately leads to coaching. It was a great opportunity to be a part of the program and help the players with things they need." Diarra had to apply for the position and go through interviews like any other candidate. He had an initial interview with just the UConn coaching staff and a final interview with head coach Dan Hurley and associate head coach Kimani Young. Diarra said working with the program and knowing the coaches helped him land

his dream job. "It means everything to me," he said. "I played here, I worked here as a graduate assistant, and I was a student assistant here. To be asked by coach Hurley to come back and work for him as a full-time staff [member], it truly means a lot. I'm excited to be around the guys. I developed great relationships with great guys on the team. Even the new guys through the recruiting process, I got to know them and their families." One of those new transfers includes Mamadou's

brother, Hassan a sophomore transfer guard from Texas A&M. Mamadou is ready to get to work. "I'm just glad to be here," he said. "I am going to try to be the best player development coach in America. UConn means everything to me. I'm going to make sure our players get everything they need to be 100% successful on the court." Shreyas Laddha can be reached at sladdha@courant.com or @shre98 on Twitter.

Amore

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No matter how much they've already made in the sport, these golfers have a right to chase a fast buck, but not without consequences. The bottom line here is golfers being dollar-wise and brand foolish. We are known by the company we keep, and "Lefty," who has tiptoed through controversies before, couldn't walk the not-about-the-money tight rope. "I don't condone human rights violations at all," Mickelson told reporters. "Nobody here does. ... I've also seen the good that the game of golf has done throughout history, and I believe that LIV Golf is going to do a lot of good for the game as well. I'm excited about this opportunity and that's why I'm here." OK.Well, that was cringeworthy. When you have to say you don't condone human rights violations, you're in way too deep a hole. Meanwhile, he and the others are turning their backs on the golf establishment that made them rich,

famous and attractive to the Saudis, who won't be doling out big guarantees to the PGA journeymen. So how hard does all this hit home? In the short run, these defections will hurt. The PGA can't compete with LIV Golf's bottomless coffers. In the long run? This, too, shall pass. The PGA and The Travelers, minus a few big names, will go on without them. "We are very proud to be a PGA Tour event," Grube said, "and I really like what you see when you look at the tour. When you look at things put up against it, I really like the PGA Tour and what it stands for and I think there are a lot of golfers who love it as well." A few local tidbits for your Sunday read: Harry Bellucci's not wild about NIL At the close of the school year, Harry Bellucci will be retiring after 42 years coaching high school football and swimming at Bulkeley and Hartford Public. He's not retiring from caring about high school sports, though, and he's no fan of the CIAC's name, image and likeness policy. "That will be the end of

high school sports as we know it," he said. "We are so far removed from playing the sport for the 'love of the game.' Recruiting and agents will be the new norm. It's a terrible idea. I doubt I would have been in this game I love for 42 years if this was the norm. I know I'm old school but high school sports was the last bastion of pure love of playing. This will muddy the waters forever." I tend to agree, it's a lot to put on a high school student's plate, but with the NCAA and state law allowing NIL income, the CIAC could have been on shaky ground if it didn't adjust. Let's see how it plays. Eastern, UConn: Mutual admiration The baseball coaches at UConn and Eastern displayed this week how much respect they have for each other, and how that respect can ultimately benefit the kids who play for them. Take Luke Broadhurst, who came out of Stafford High and began at UConn. A shoulder injury derailed his freshman year, and with the encouragement of Jim Penders and his staff, he moved to Eastern in 2019. Filling out a presea-

son questionnaire for the ECSU website, he listed his favorite sports moment as "winning a national championship this year." Then he, and his teammates, made it happen this week. "I came here, I was finally able to get healthy again and get back out on the field," Broadhurst said. "I was able to continue to develop, take what I learned from UConn and bring it to Eastern. They gave me the time to kind of figure myself out again and I kind of refound my love for baseball." Broadhurst hit .378 during his career at ECSU, including .406 this past season, with 13 homers and 50 RBI. He leaves a Division III All-American with a degree in sports management. And what of his remaining eligibility as a grad student? You guessed it. If things work out, he'll go back to UConn and give it another shot. "That's the plan," Broadhurst said.

XL-Garden pipeline

The Rangers were fighting for their playoff lives in Tampa late Saturday,

but however it turns out, it's been a magical, fun run through the playoffs for the Blueshirts, who are well-stocked with players who came through Hartford and the Wolf Pack. That list includes Jonny Brodzinski, who was the captain in Hartford before gong up, Filip Chytil, Chris Kreider, Gregg McKegg, Libor Hájek, Ryan Lindgren, Braden Schneider, Igor Shesterkin, Alexander Georgiev, Keith Kinkaid and assistant coach Gord Murphy. Wolf Pack coach Kris Knoblauch subbed for Gerard Gallant, who was in COVID protocol, for a few games in January.

Stache stats

Watching the Yankees play this week, I learned that Nester Cortes Jr. "is in the 70 percentile of four-seam spin rate." Then I learned that his career ERA without a mustache was well over 6.0, and with it well under 3.0. Now *there's* a stat that enhances the viewing experience. And you thought the cutter was Cortes' superhero cape.

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SPORTS



The Yankees' Joey Gallo hits a single during the fourth inning against the Angels in Game 2 of a doubleheader June 2 in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

YANKEES

Gallo starting to see results

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The relief on Joey Gallo's face was obvious Thursday night. The Yankees' struggling slugger knows he is paid to hit balls hard, preferably over the fence, and get on base. Finally, after making a minor adjustment and being just a tick more aggressive in his approach, Gallo got some results. Over the last two weeks heading into Saturday night's game against the Cubs at the Stadium, Gallo has hit .294/.333/.824 with a 1.157 OPS. He's hit three home runs in the span of his last five games. Gallo made minor adjustments with his hands and has tried to quiet his swing. A scout who watched him in Minneapolis earlier this

week also noted that Gallo seems to be a little more aggressive at the plate. "He's going after close pitches more," the scout said. "He looks like he's ready to attack early and I think he's swinging more. "The head is more steady. He looks better." Gallo said he is more aware of keeping the at-bat in his control. "It's possibly just me trying to get my best swing off and not necessarily try not to leave it up to sometimes the umpire to make a decision on the close call," Gallo said. "I don't know. I'm just trying to try to get good swings off." Since May 27 Gallo's swing percentage, according to FanGraphs, is 54.5% for the season. That's a slight uptick over his season percentage of 50.5.

That has also correlated with a slight uptick in Gallo's strikeout in that span, but first things first. The Yankees are encouraged by Gallo's recent improvements. "I don't know if I would say aggressive," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I think he's trying to be tightened up from a stride standpoint, keeping the head still a little bit more while also trying to maintain that aggressiveness — which hopefully will make him just a little more precise, a little more accurate. "So I think that little subtle adjustment [will be] something that helps him just be a little more consistent." The uptick in Gallo's results has also coincided with him playing in right field, where he played the majority of his career. Satur-

day night, Gallo was back in left for the first time since May 19. "It's a tough left field — the sun can be hard, and it's short down the line and then gets big near center field," Gallo said. "It's a lot of running, but it's not anything that is out of the ordinary. I am OK playing there." The lefty slugger profiled as a perfect fit in the Yankees' heavily right-handed power lineup and he became the everyday left fielder after Clint Frazier missed most of 2021 and the Yankees decided to move on. With the Rangers, Gallo hit for power and on-base percentage. He struck out, but the home runs made that worth the price. In parts of seven seasons with the Rangers, Gallo slashed .211/.336/.497 with an .833 OPS.

YANKEES NOTES

Trevino proving to be NY's best option at catcher

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Jose Trevino was making his 38th start Saturday night. The catcher who was brought in to platoon with Kyle Higashioka is establishing himself as the Yankees' best option behind the plate, and at it. "He certainly has earned being in there, but I love what we have going on with those guys," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Obviously, we want to get Higgy going a little bit at the plate but Jose certainly earned more opportunities."

Trevino hit a pinch-hit walk-off single in the Yankees' 13-inning win over the Cubs on Friday night and his offense has been what pitching coach Dillon Lawson called "a huge bonus." Going into Saturday night's game, Trevino was hitting .290/.340/.462 with an .802 OPS and 131 OPS+. In his previous four seasons, the closest Trevino got to a 100 OPS+, which is the average, is 94 in 2020 with the Rangers. The Yankees pitchers also like pitching to him. They have a .244 ERA and .205 batting average against with

Trevino behind the plate. "He's been such a critical figure in the room and being a part of that winning culture that I feel like those guys have done a great job of creating, fostering and nurturing and pouring into," Boone said. "He's been right in the middle of all that and I think he's clearly thriving and loves being a part of it." More free baseball: It's been a while since the Yankees played a game that long. Friday night, going 13 innings was the longest game in terms of innings the Yankees have played since

2019. MLB instituted the extra-inning rule that puts a runner on second base in 2020 in the hopes of limiting endless games — which seems to have worked. "With the extra-inning rules you don't necessarily expect one to go that long," Boone said. ... After playing their longest game — in terms of innings — since 2019, Boone was looking to get some veterans off their feet on Saturday. DJ LeMahieu was out of the lineup against the Cubs and Aaron Judge was the designated hitter instead of playing the outfield.

METS

Lefty Loup, who never wanted to go, could be part of solution for bullpen

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

ANAHEIM, Calif — If the Mets wanted to lure Aaron Loup back to Queens, it sounds like the lefty reliever would more than consider it. Loup waited and waited for the Mets to negotiate with his camp last offseason, but he couldn't get any answers from the club's wavering front office before he signed with the Angels on a two-year, \$17 million deal. "It took a little bit to get [the Mets] on the phone," Loup said. "I had to stall [the Angels] for a little bit, as long as I could. And then eventually, everything we asked for [the Angels] kept giving to us. Couldn't wait around any longer." Loup was honest about his disappointment that it didn't work out with the Mets. "I'm not going to throw a better season than what I had last year," he said. "In a way, you'd love to run it back. At the same time, [the Angels] wanted me about as bad as I've ever been wanted over the course of my career. I can't complain." At the time, the Mets were deep into their seemingly



The Angels' Aaron Loup in action during a game against the Phillies on June 5 in Philadelphia. DERIK HAMILTON/AP

never-ending search for a president of baseball operations. Loup and his agents were trying to negotiate with Mets team president Sandy Alderson and his son, Bryn Alderson, who also plays a role in the front office. In November, the Mets finally pivoted from their intention of hiring a president of baseball operations and instead named Billy Eppler as general manager. Loup signed with the Angels three days later. "They had a lot going on, which I understood as well," Loup said. "It was kind of like, I know you guys are interested and proba-

bly want me back, so I was trying to stall, and stall. It got to the point where I couldn't anymore." Loup, 34, had a career year with the Mets in 2021. The lefty posted a 0.95 ERA in 65 relief appearances and 56.2 innings. He quickly became a fan favorite, not just because of his exceptional numbers, but also because of his warm-up song, "Unapologetically Country As Hell" by Hardy that blared through Citi Field speakers, and most notably, his postgame interviews that almost always featured a Busch Light beer nearby or in his hand. On Friday at Angels

Stadium, Loup's clubhouse setup included a mini refrigerator stacked with at least 15 Busch Lights adjacent to his locker. "That's been here from Day 1," Loup said of the mini frig. "It's the one thing I carried over. Hopefully, it's still got some good luck in it." The journeyman reliever hasn't yet found the same success with his new team that he enjoyed last year in Queens. Loup, who was drafted in the ninth round by the Blue Jays in 2009, has a 4.43 ERA in 24 relief appearances for the Halos this season. The Angels entered Saturday having won just one game in their last 15, and Loup's last outing was over a week ago. The Mets (39-21) do need a lefty reliever sooner rather than later, and if the Angels continue spiraling, Loup should be up for grabs. But he would have to step up and find some real success in the next several weeks before this year's trade deadline to make such a scenario worth it for Eppler and the Amaz-in's. And Loup alone likely wouldn't solve the bullpen's weaknesses.

RED SOX NOTES

Interest building in whether Houck can be a closer

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

SEATTLE — The Red Sox haven't had a closer since Matt Barnes lost the job last summer. Counting Barnes, 10 pitchers have had at least one save since Aug. 1, 2021. At various points the team tried Adam Ottavino, Matt Strahm, Garrett Richards, and Hansel Robles. Nobody has stuck. Now comes the latest entrant: Tanner Houck. For the first time in his career, the righthander was used in a conventional save situation on Friday night against the Seattle Mariners. Houck came out of the bullpen to protect a 4-3 lead and put two runners on base before getting the final two outs. That's not enough to give him the title. But manager Alex Cora wants to see where this goes. He would prefer to use Houck two or three times a week for one inning as opposed to long relief. "We kept pushing for this," Cora said. "I just feel like where we're at pitching-staff wise, losing him for three or four days [after a long relief outing] puts us in a bad spot." That the Sox have built up starter depth in Triple A allows them to use Houck as a closer. Houck also has the traits of a closer. He's willing to attack hitters and relies primarily on two pitches, a sinking fastball and a sharp slider. "He's a tough pitcher to face. He brings a lot of weird angles," teammate J.D. Martinez said. "The ball is moving." Demeanor plays a role, too. "He doesn't change on the mound. It seems like he's always in control," Cora said. "He wants this. He wants to pitch in situations like this. He likes it."

Said teammate Rich Hill: "He has the ability to go out there and be fearless." There was drama in this save. Houck hit lead-off hitter Ty France in the back with a two-strike fastball then came back to strike out Julio Rodriguez. J.P. Crawford dropped a soft single into left field and the Mariners were in position to at least tie the game. Eugenio Suarez struck out on a passed ball that advanced the runners to second and third. But Adam Frazier lined the next pitch to Trevor Story to end it. "Put myself in that trouble. Next time maybe make it a little smoother," Houck said. "Trust the defense behind me and go out there and make pitches when I have to."

Sunday best: Boston has not named a starter for the series finale on Sunday afternoon. Garrett Whitlock was scheduled before he was placed on the injured list with inflammation in his right hip. With the team off on Monday, the Sox could have a bullpen game for the second time this season. Seattle plans to start Robbie Ray. The 2021 Cy Young Award winner with Toronto is 5-6 with a 4.97 ERA in 12 starts since agreeing to a five-year, \$115 million deal with the Mariners. **Hill's solid start:** Hill went 4 ½ innings, allowed two runs and struck out a season-best six on Friday. A two-run homer by Jesse Winker in the fifth spoiled what was an otherwise strong outing. "Incredible team win for us," he said. Hill has allowed two or fewer earned runs in seven of his 11 starts this season. ... Through Friday, the Sox were 18-14 on the road with victories in 12 of the previous 16 games.

LATE FRIDAY

Homers by Martinez, Dalbec power Red Sox past Mariners

Associated Press

J.D. Martinez homered for the first time in nearly a month, Bobby Dalbec snapped a tie with a solo shot and the Boston Red Sox won for the eighth time in nine games, beating the Mariners 4-3 on Friday night in Seattle. Boston opened the final leg of its West Coast swing with a bounce-back victory after seeing its seven-game win streak snapped a day earlier. Martinez homered for the first time since May 17, hitting a solo blast off Seattle starter Marco Gonzales to give Boston a 2-0 lead. It was Martinez's sixth home run. After the Mariners pulled even at 2-all, Dalbec opened the seventh inning with his fourth home run off Seattle reliever Andrés Muñoz (1-3). Muñoz had allowed one run over his previous six outings. Jake Diekmann (2-0), one of five Boston relievers, earned the win. Seattle pulled within 4-3 on Cal Raleigh's two-out RBI single in the eighth, but Matt Strahm got a flyout from Jesse Winker with the tying run at third to end the threat. Tanner Houck had trouble in the ninth, but picked up his first save of the season and second of his career.

and third. Batting for fellow catcher Kyle Higashioka, Trevino lined a 1-1 pitch from Alec Mills (0-1) over shortstop to give the major league-leading Yankees (42-16) their ninth victory in 10 games. Jason Heyward hit his first home run this season for the Cubs, making their first visit to Yankee Stadium since April 2014. Chicago (23-34) dropped its fourth straight. **Mets 7, Angels 3:** At Anaheim, Calif., Brandon Nimmo and Mark Canha both had two hits and three RBIs as New York bounced back after two straight losses. Every Mets starter had at least one hit as the NL East leaders had 13 in the game. It's the third time on this California road trip New York has had at least 13 hits. David Peterson (3-0), the second of six Mets pitchers, allowed one run in 2 ¾ innings of relief to get the win. **Yankees 2, Cubs 1 (13):** At New York, pinch-hitter Jose Trevino finally broke a stalemate with a game-winning single. Gleyber Torres homered for New York in the fourth, but neither team managed a hit in extra innings until Trevino came off the bench and delivered with two outs and runners at second

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	42	16	.724	—	—	9-1	W-2	24-7	18-9
Toronto	34	24	.586	8	—	6-4	L-1	18-10	16-14
Tampa Bay	34	25	.576	8 ½	—	6-4	L-2	21-13	13-12
Boston	31	28	.525	11 ½	—	8-2	W-1	13-14	18-14
Baltimore	25	35	.417	18	6 ½	4-6	W-1	15-15	10-20

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	35	26	.574	—	—	5-5	W-2	20-13	15-13
Cleveland	28	27	.509	4	1	7-3	L-1	15-10	13-17
Chicago	27	30	.474	6	3	4-6	L-1	13-16	14-14
Detroit	24	34	.414	9 ½	6 ½	6-4	W-1	16-16	8-18
Kansas City	20	38	.345	13 ½	10 ½	4-6	L-1	12-20	8-18

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	36	23	.610	—	—	5-5	L-3	15-10	21-13
Los Angeles	28	32	.467	8 ½	3 ½	1-9	L-1	16-17	12-15
Texas	27	31	.466	8 ½	3 ½	3-7	W-1	13-16	14-15
Seattle	26	32	.448	9 ½	4 ½	6-4	L-1	12-11	14-21
Oakland	21	40	.344	16	11	1-9	W-1	7-23	14-17

BOX SCORES

MINNESOTA 6, TAMPA BAY 5

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kiermaier cf	5	1	2	0	1	.222
Margot lf	5	1	2	0	1	.316
Arozarena dh	4	1	2	0	0	.267
Choi 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.277
Diaz 3b	4	0	2	2	2	.274
Walls ss	4	1	1	0	1	.152
Phillips rf	2	0	1	0	1	.172
a-Ramirez ph-rf2	0	0	1	1	0	.293
Pinto c	3	0	0	0	2	.167
b-Mejia ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.222
Brujan 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.153
TOTALS	38	5	13	4	10	
Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 1b-2b	5	1	3	4	1	.367
Polanco 2b-ss	3	1	2	1	0	.248
Miranda 3b-1b	4	0	1	1	1	.225
Kepler rf	4	0	2	0	0	.249
Sanchez dh	3	0	0	0	2	.215
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	2	.252
Celestino cf	4	1	2	0	1	.344
Gordon ss	3	1	1	0	0	.256
1-Buxton pr	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Ursula 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Jeffers c	3	2	0	0	1	.171
TOTALS	32	6	11	6	8	

a-singled for Phillips in the 6th.
b-lined out for Pinto in the 8th.
1-ran for Gordon in the 8th.
E: Celestino (1), Gordon (2).
LOB: Tampa Bay 6, Minnesota 7.
2B: Walls (5), Kiermaier (6), Miranda (6), Celestino (5), Kepler (8). **HR:** Arraez (3), off Baz.
RBIs: Choi (30), Diaz (214), Ramirez (19), Arraez 4(19), Miranda (15), Polanco (33). **SB:** Kiermaier (4), Brujan (2).
CS: Kiermaier (1), Brujan (4).
Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 1(Choi); Minnesota 3(Miranda 2, Celestino).
RISP: Tampa Bay 4for 7; Minnesota 2 for 10.
Runners moved up: Gordon.
GIDP: Jeffers, Celestino.
DP: Tampa Bay 2(Brujan, Walls, Choi; Brujan, Walls, Choi).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Baz, L, 0-1	2½	3	5	5	3	2	19.29
Beeks	¾	1	0	0	1	2	1.44
Realty	1	2	0	0	1	1	3.31
Wisler	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.20
Thompson	1	3	1	1	0	0	6.63
Armstrong	2	2	0	0	1	2	1.29
MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gonzalez	4	8	3	3	0	3	7.71
Megill, W, 2-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.31
Thielbar, H, 6-1	1	2	1	1	0	3	5.48
Cotton, H, 1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1.54
Duran, H, 7	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.70
Pagan, S, 8-11	1	0	0	0	2	2	2.57

Inherited runners-scored: Megill 1-0.
WP: Baz. **Umpires:** Home, Chris Segal; First, Andy Fletcher; Second, Bill Welke; Third, Shane Livensparger. T: 3:30. **A:** 22,741 (38,544).

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BALTIMORE 6, KANSAS CITY 4

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Mullins cf	4	1	1	1	1	.237	
Mancini lf	4	0	1	0	2	.297	
McKenna lf	1	0	0	0	1	.265	
Hays rf	4	0	1	1	2	.290	
Mountcastle 1b4	1	1	1	0	0	.250	
Rutschman dh	4	2	3	0	0	.190	
Nevin 3b	4	1	1	3	1	.237	
Chirinos c	3	0	1	0	0	.135	
Mateo ss	3	1	0	0	2	.205	
Martin 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.250	
TOTALS	35	6	10	5	11		
Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Merrifield 2b	4	1	2	0	0	.229	
Benintendi lf	5	0	0	0	0	.308	
Perez dh	3	1	2	1	1	.217	
Melendez c	4	0	1	0	1	.267	
Dozier 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.257	
Taylor cf	3	1	1	1	0	.276	
Isbel rf	4	1	1	1	1	.250	
Rivera 3b	3	0	1	1	2	.211	
b-O'Hearn ph	1	0	0	0	0	.204	
Lopez ss	2	0	0	0	0	.210	
a-Witt Jr. ph-ss2	0	1	0	0	0	.236	
TOTALS	35	4	10	4	5		
Baltimore	000	013	110	—	6	10	0
Kansas City	100	200	010	—	4	10	1

a-grounded out for Lopez in the 7th.
b-grounded out for Rivera in the 9th.
E: Melendez (3).
LOB: Baltimore 5, Kansas City 7. **2B:** Rutschman (2), Perez (12). **3B:** Isbel (1).
HR: Nevin (2), off Lynch.
RBIs: Mullins (22), Nevin 3(10), Hays (23), Perez (29), Isbel (7), Rivera (15), Taylor (15). **CS:** Hays (3).
SF: Taylor.
Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 2(Nevin, Mancini); Kansas City 3 (Benintendi, Melendez, Dozier).
RISP: Baltimore 3for 7; Kansas City 3 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Nevin, Benintendi, Merrifield. **GIDP:** Isbel.
DP: Baltimore 1(Mateo, Mountcastle).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wells, W, 3-4	6	5	3	3	2	4	3.86
Bautista, H, 4	¾	1	0	0	0	1	0.82
Perez, H, 5	½	0	0	0	0	0	1.98
Tate, H, 8	1	3	1	1	0	0	1.84
Lopez, S, 8-10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.93
KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynch, L, 2-6	5½	8	4	4	1	7	5.50
Cuas	1½	1	1	1	1	2	1.50
Coleman	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.80
Vicazino	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86

Inherited runners-scored: Perez 1-0.

WP: Coleman.

Umpires: Home, Clint Vondrak; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Ben May. T: 3:03. **A:** 15,134(37,903).

THIS DAY IN BASEBALL

JUNE 12
1922: Hub Pruett struck out Babe Ruth three consecutive times, and the St. Louis Browns beat the New York Yankees 7-1.

1928: Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees had two triples and two homers in a 15-7 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

1939: The Baseball Hall of Fame was dedicated at Cooperstown, N.Y.

1954: Milwaukee’s Jim Wilson pitched the year’s only no-hitter, blanking the Philadelphia Phillies 2-0.

1957: Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals broke the National League record

TEXAS 11, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 9 (10)

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	1	2	2	1	.223
Seager ss	5	0	1	1	1	.223
A.Garcia rf-cf	5	2	2	3	2	.234
Calhoun dh	6	2	2	1	2	.244
Heim c	4	0	0	1	1	.254
2-Culberson pr	1	0	0	0	0	.232
Huff c	0	0	0	0	0	.339
Lowe 1b	5	1	2	1	2	.279
Duran 3b	4	2	2	0	1	.308
B.Miller lf	3	2	2	1	0	.231
White cf	2	1	1	0	1	.196
a-Reks ph-rf	3	0	1	0	0	.240
TOTALS	41	11	15	10	11	
Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pollock lf	5	0	2	1	2	.243
Vaughn rf	5	0	1	2	1	.288
Robert cf	5	1	1	1	1	.278
Abreu 1b	5	1	1	1	1	.252
Burger dh	5	1	2	2	2	.280
Moncada 3b	5	0	0	0	3	.133
Grandal c	2	0	2	0	0	.185
1-McGuire pr-c	1	1	1	0	2	.227
L.Garcia 2b	5	3	3	2	2	.199
Mendick ss	5	2	2	2	1	.292
TOTALS	45	9	15	9	15	
Texas	000	041	200	4—	1115	1
Chicago	020	320	000	2—	915	2

a-lined out for White in the 6th.
1-ran for Grandal in the 3rd.
2-ran for Heim in the 10th.
E: Seager (8), Crick (1), Vaughn (1).
LOB: Texas 9, Chicago 11. **2B:** Semien (10), Calhoun 2(9), Duran (1), Lowe 2 (8), Abreu (12), McGuire (5), Mendick (4). **HR:** A.Garcia (12), off Giolitto; Burger (8), off Perez. **RBIs:** Seager (27), A.Garcia 3(40), B.Miller (24), Calhoun (23), Heim (20), Lowe (22), Semien 2 (24), Pollock (21), Robert (21), Abreu (24), Burger (22), Mendick 2(11), Vaughn 2(25). **SB:** Seager (3). **CS:** B.Miller (1). **SF:** Seager, Heim, Vaughn.

Runners left in scoring position: Texas 7(Calhoun, Lowe, Semien, Seager, Duran, Heim 2); Chicago 6(Robert, Vaughn, Mendick, Abreu, Moncada 2). **RISP:** Texas 7for 19; Chicago 7for 17. **Runners moved up:** Vaughn 2. **DP:** Chicago 1(Pollock, Abreu, Pollock).

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Perez	5	12	7	6	2	4	2.18
Tinoco	1	0	0	0	3	0	0.00
Burke	¾	1	0	0	1	2	0.88
Bush	½	0	0	0	1	1	3.57
Moore, W, 3-0	2	0	0	0	0	5	2.63
Blair	1	2	2	1	0	0	2.53
CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Giolitto	5	6	4	4	3	8	3.88
Crick, H, 3	1	2	1	1	0	1	3.14
Sousa, H, 5	½	2	2	2	0	0	3.40
Lambert, BS, 0-1	2½	1	0	1	2	1	3.72
Foster, L, 1-1	0	3	4	3	1	0	3.65
Ruiz	1	1	0	0	1	0	4.98

Inherited runners-scored: Bush 2-0, Lambert 1-1, Ruiz 3-2.
WP: Lambert. **PB:** McGuire (2).
Umpires: Home, Alex Tosi; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, John Libka; Third, Jim Reynolds. T: 4:03. **A:** 30,221(40,615).

MIAMI 5, HOUSTON 1							
Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Berti 3b	5	0	1	2	1	.269	
Garcia rf	4	0	0	0	3	.223	
Soler dh	3	1	0	0	2	.220	
Aguilar 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.257	
Rojas ss	3	0	0	1	0	.212	
Fortes c	4	1	0	0	0	.368	
Astudillo 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.318	
Chisholm Jr. 2b1	0	0	0	0	1	.257	
De La Cruz cf	3	0	0	1	1	.227	
Williams lf	4	1	2	1	1	.292	
TOTALS	33	5	6	5	9		
Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	1	2	.270	
Brantley dh	4	0	1	0	1	.292	
Bregman 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.220	
Alvarez lf	3	0	0	0	2	.302	
Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.219	
Tucker rf	4	0	1	0	0	.261	
Pena ss	4	1	0	0	2	.270	
Dubon cf	4	0	1	0	0	.179	
Maldonado c	3	0	2	0	1	.153	
TOTALS	35	1	8	1	9		
Miami	031	000	001	—	5	6	2
Houston	000	010	000	—	1	8	1

E: Berti (1), Astudillo (1), Pena (9).
LOB: Miami 6, Houston 9. **2B:** Aguilar (10), Tucker (9), Altuve (9), Bregman (13), Dubon (2), Maldonado (5).

SPORTS

COMMENTARY

La Russa next on the hot seat after Maddon’s firing

By Bill Madden
Baseball Columnist

NEW YORK — Tough times last week for two of baseball’s most enduring managers. At 68 years old and 56 games into the final year on his contract, Joe Maddon was fired as manager of the Angels in the midst of a 12-game losing streak. A couple days later 77-year-old Tony La Russa came under renewed fire from ever-critical White Sox fans and media for ordering an intentional walk to the Dodgers’ Trea Turner with a 1-2 count.

It didn’t matter that La Russa had a very logical explanation for the seemingly unorthodox move that backfired spectacularly when the next batter, Max Muncy, hit a three-run homer. This was red meat for the legions of La Russa critics clamoring for him to go the same way as Maddon in the wake of the White Sox’s disappointing season so far.

As La Russa explained it, once a wild pitch by lefty White Sox reliever Bennett Sousa allowed the Dodgers’ Freddie Freeman to advance to second base with two outs in the sixth inning last Thursday, “it wasn’t a tough call” to go ahead and walk the right-handed-hitting Turner — a .333 hitter with two strikes against a left-handed pitcher this year — in favor of the struggling lefty-hitting Muncy, who was hitting .150.

It’s been a trying year for La Russa. Once again the White Sox, 27-29, have been beset with injuries. One of their best hitters, Eloy Jimenez, and last year’s No. 1 starter Lance Lynn have both been out all year, and Tim Anderson has been down for a couple of weeks now to name three big ones. Plus Yoan Moncada, expected to be a big cog in the lineup, has been both hurt and awful (.141).

With so many holes, La Russa has been roundly criticized for giving excessive playing time to .184-hitting utilityman Leury Garcia, especially when batting him leadoff or third in the lineup. But barring the kind of long losing streak that did in Maddon, La Russa’s job is secure. It just might not be very pleasant dealing with the long knives, who think he’s lost it, on a day-to-day basis.

As for Maddon, who



White Sox manager Tony La Russa walks on the field during a game against the Rays on June 3 in Tampa Bay. CHRIS O’MEARA/AP

may have just been the luckiest manager on the face of the Earth, the gravy train is probably over after 1,382 wins (31st all-time) with three different teams and one world championship with the Cubs in 2016 — which many have agreed was one of the worst managed World Series ever. Mind you, I like Joe Maddon as a person. But as a manager he was vastly overrated; his secret to success being in the right place at the right time.

He got his first break with the Rays in the cradle of analytics in 2006 when Lou Piniella got tired of all the losing that came with the lowest payroll in baseball.

Maddon had to endure two more years of losing before all those top prospects — David Price, Carl Crawford, Evan Longoria, B.J. Upton, James Shields, et al., — Piniella couldn’t wait for all blossomed into stars and went to the World Series in 2008.

When the Rays slipped under .500 for the first time in six years in 2014 and it appeared all the constant turnover from shedding their best players before they reached free agency had finally caught up to them, Maddon was able to use a loophole in his contract and jumped to the Cubs.

And like with the Rays, Maddon inherited a Cubs team that had just gone through five years of tanking under GM Theo Epstein and had a core of young players — Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, Jorge Soler, Javy Baez, Kyle Hendricks, et al., — who, augmented by Epstein’s signing of staff ace Jon Lester, were ready to win. Maddon won the ’16 World Series with that group.

Son of former LA Dodger Sax among 5 Marines killed

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former Los Angeles Dodgers player Steve Sax has issued a statement saying that his 33-year-old son who had always dreamed of being a pilot was among five U.S. Marines killed during a training flight crash earlier this week in the California desert.

Capt. John J. Sax was among the aircrew of an Osprey tiltrotor aircraft that went down during training in a remote area in Imperial County, about 115 miles (185 kilometers) east of San Diego and about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Yuma, Arizona.

“It is with complete devastation that I announce that my precious son, Johnny was one of the five US Marines that perished on Wednesday, June 8, in the Osprey Military crash near San Diego,” Steve Sax said in a statement published Saturday by CBSLA-TV.

“For those of you that knew Johnny, you saw his huge smile, bright light, his love for his family, the Marines, the joy of flying airplanes and defending our country! He was my hero

and the best man I know, there was no better person to defend our country.”

The former Dodger said his son had wanted to be a pilot since he was young and would talk about the types of planes that were flying overhead while playing in the outfield in Little League baseball.

“There was never any doubt from a young age that Johnny would be a pilot and his passion was to fly!” the statement said. “This loss will change my life forever and is a loss to not only the Marines but this world!”

Steve Sax played in the Major Leagues from 1981 to 1994, winning two world championships during his seven years as a second-baseman with the Dodgers. Fans and the team offered condolences on social media.

“The Los Angeles Dodgers are saddened to hear about the passing of Steve Sax’s son, John, and the five Marines who lost their lives in this week’s tragic helicopter accident. Our thoughts and condolences go out to their families and friends,” the Dodgers said in a tweet Saturday.



D’Angelo Ortiz, right, spent plenty of time around his father, David, at Fenway Park growing up. Now D’Angelo is on his own, playing with sons of four other former major-leaguers in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League with the Brockton Rox. WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Their fathers’ sons
Sons of five former major-leaguers playing together in Futures League

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

BROCKTON, Mass. — Brockton Rox general manager Tom Tracey didn’t intend to build a summer league team that had five sons of prominent former major league players on the roster.

“It just happened that way,” he said. “One call led to another. It was not something we planned to do.”

Now the Rox have a team that includes the sons of David Ortiz (D’Angelo), Pedro Martinez (Pedro Jr.), Manny Ramirez (Manny Jr.), Gary Sheffield (Jaden), and Keith Foulke (Kade).

That’s an extended family with two first-ballot Hall of Famers, eight World Series rings, and 40 All-Star appearances.

The Rox are a member of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, which has eight teams in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont. They play a 62-game schedule through the first week of August. Connecticut’s team include the New Britain Bees and Norwich Sea Unicorns.

It’s a lot of baseball and not a lot of comfort. There are long bus rides for one game, meals on the go, and living with roommates in apartments or college dorms.

“It’s a grind,” Tracey said before a recent game. “There’s no special treatment because of who your father is. That was the one thing I was worried about, how they would fit in with

the other players. But it hasn’t been a problem.”

None of the big-league scions are prominent prospects at this point.

Foulke, Ortiz, and Ramirez are recent high school graduates who will play at junior colleges next season. Martinez, an infielder and outfielder, is a backup player at Division 2 Lynn University. Sheffield had only 17 at-bats as a freshman at Georgetown.

But they all harbor dreams of playing professionally and leagues such as the FCBL are where you get that chance.

“This seems like the right move,” said D’Angelo Ortiz, an infielder who turns 18 next month. “My whole life has been about taking the next step. Playing with older guys, that’s perfect. It’s better competition and you’re going to have bad days and learn how to come back from there.

“Playing every day, there’s nothing better than that.”

Brockton has had baseball teams at Campanelli Stadium since 2002. There was an independent league team for 10 years before switching over to college summer leagues.

The connection to the Red Sox started last season when Martinez played for the Rox. That led to Ortiz, Ramirez, and the others coming aboard. The FCBL is one of the few college leagues that allows incoming freshmen.

David Ortiz has been an avid supporter of his son’s career, working with him

on the side and attending high school games. But there’s no pressure.

“D has to lead his own life,” David Ortiz said. “If that’s in baseball, great. I just want to see him enjoy it.”

The younger Ortiz has hit .364 with a .960 OPS through 10 games with the Rox. At 6 feet 1 inch, 200 pounds, he’s a different player than his father, more athletic and versatile. Some of that comes from his mother, Tiffany, who was an athlete growing up.

“I was there. I saw how hard my father worked,” D’Angelo Ortiz said. “I know it will be tough, but I want to get to the big leagues. But I’m not him. We’re different people. My mom raised me because my dad was always away.”

Is it hard being Big Papi’s son?

“There’s people who want to make it more than it is,” he said. “There’s pressure. I love baseball because I love baseball. I believe if my dad worked at FedEx I’d still love baseball. I know I’ll always be recognized as his son. But use my first name.”

Martinez Jr. understands the pros and cons of having a famous father.

“It’s a fun experience playing so close to Boston,” he said. “People here love him and I understand that. For me, it’s about getting ready for my college season and enjoying the game.”

Ramirez Jr., who bears an uncanny resemblance to his father, is a soft-spoken outfielder with a smooth swing. He will attend Talla-

hassee (Fla.) Community College next season.

“I work with my dad all the time. He still hits all the time,” he said. “He walks around the house holding a bat. I try to take from his approach to the game and learn from that.”

Kade Foulke was a baseball and hockey player growing up in Florida before focusing on baseball in high school. He plans to play for Galveston College, a junior college in Texas.

He recently took in a game at Fenway Park with his father.

“It’s amazing how many people still recognize him. It was fun,” he said. “People always want to ask him about the 2004 team. It’s fun playing somewhere where he has such good memories.”

Jaden Sheffield, an outfielder with speed and power, needs at-bats after playing sparingly as a freshman. He acknowledged there is pressure when your father spent 22 years in the majors and hit 509 home runs.

“Being the son of a major leaguer brings positives and negatives,” he said. “It’s a thing we all have to embrace. We know we’re going to have people looking at us with a fine-toothed comb. They’ll look at us and see if we match up to our dads.

“We’re just here to be us and play baseball. Maybe we’re held to a certain standard, but I’ve talked to the other guys about it and none of us were pressured to play baseball. It was something I put on myself.”

GOLF

Finau shoots 62, shares RBC Canadian Open lead with McIlroy

Associated Press

Tony Finau birdied the final hole Saturday for an 8-under 62 and a share of the RBC Canadian Open lead with defending champion Rory McIlroy.

“I didn’t finish the way I wanted to yesterday and I think all it did was kind of light a fire in my belly to get after it today,” Finau said. “That’s pretty much what I did. I made some birdies and I just played really clean golf.”

McIlroy had a 65 to match Finau at 11-under 199 at St. George’s Golf and Country Club in Toronto.

“I’m just happy to give myself a chance, be in the final group,” McIlroy said. “Once I saw, I think Tony had got to 10 or maybe 11, I think I was on like 8 or 9 at the time. I just said to myself, ‘Let’s just try to get

yourself in the final group.’”

McIlroy had to wait three years to defend his 2019 title because of the COVID-19 pandemic that canceled golf’s fourth-oldest championship the last two years.

“I need to set myself a number and be super aggressive,” McIlroy said. “I know I’m going to have to make some birdies out there to win this thing [Sunday].”

Finau had the best round of the week, eagling the par-5 ninth in a front-nine 29 and making four birdies and a bogey on the final nine. He won the FedEx Cup playoff opener last season at Riviera for his second PGA Tour victory.

PGA champion Justin Thomas (63), Colonial winner Sam Burns (65), Wyndham Clark (68) and Alex Smalley (67) were all 9 under.

Thomas eagled the par-5 15th.

“It was very — it was easy,” Thomas said. “I mean I just played really solid. I didn’t do anything great, [but] I just didn’t do anything bad....

“I took advantage of some of the opportunities when I had them there in the middle of the course and just stayed patient and waited for my run.”

Schwartzel wins LIV event: At St. Albans, England, former Masters champion Charl Schwartzel banked \$4.75 million by winning the richest tournament in golf history, while the event’s Saudi backers faced renewed backlash after a 9 /11 victims’ group called for American players to withdraw from the rebel series.

Schwartzel held on for a one-shot victory at the

inaugural LIV Golf event outside London to secure the \$4 million prize for the individual victory — along with another \$750,000 from his share of the \$3 million purse earned by his four-man Stinger team for topping the team rankings.

Schwartzel collected more prize money from winning the three-day, 54-hole event than he had from the last four years combined. Not that it could match the sense of sporting achievement that he felt after his win at Augusta National in 2011.

Hennie Du Plessis, a fellow South African who was selected for Stinger by team captain Louis Oosthuizen in the draft, earned \$2.875 million by finishing second at Centurion Club, located between Hemel Hempstead and St. Albans.

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FINALS SCHEDULE

#2 Boston 2, #3 Golden State 2

G1: June 2: Boston 120-108.

G2: May 5: Golden State 107-88.

G3: June 8: at Boston 116-100.

G4: June 10: Golden State 107-97.

G5: Monday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.

G6: Thursday: at Boston, 9 p.m.

x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m. (best-of-7; x-if necessary)

LATE FRIDAY: GOLDEN STATE 107, BOSTON 97

	FG	FT	Reb		
GOLDEN STATE	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A
Porter Jr.	14:30	0-2	2-2	0-1	1
Wiggins	43:25	7-17	1-2	3-16	2
Green	32:58	1-7	0-0	5-9	8
Curry	40:41	14:26	8-9	2-10	4
Thompson	40:49	7-17	0-0	1-2	1
Looney	28:09	3-4	0-0	4-11	2
Poole	20:31	6-13	0-0	0-1	1
Payton II	9:54	2-3	1-2	1-4	1
Bjelica	9:00	0-2	0-0	0-1	0
Totals	240:00	40-91	12-15	16-55	20

Percentages: FG .440, FT .800

3-Point Goals: 15-43, .349 (Curry 7-14, Thompson 4-10, Wiggins 2-6, Poole 2-7, Bjelica 0-1, Payton II 0-1, Green 0-2, Porter Jr. 0-2)

Team Rebounds: 6

Team Turnovers: None

Blocked Shots: 5 (Thompson 2, Looney, Payton II, Poole)

Turnovers: 16 (Curry 5, Looney 3, Green 2, Wiggins 2, Bjelica, Payton II, Poole, Thompson)

Steals: 10 (Green 4, Bjelica, Looney, Payton II, Poole, Thompson, Wiggins)

Technical Fouls: coach Steve Kerr, 6:56 second

	FG	FT	Reb		
BOSTON	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A
Horford	28:05	2-6	2-2	0-6	4
Tatum	42:40	8-23	3-5	3-11	6
Williams III	31:27	3-3	1-2	4-12	4
Brown	39:42	9-19	1-2	2-6	2
Smart	39:57	7-18	1-1	2-4	5
White	35:33	4-12	5-5	0-1	1
Williams	12:32	1-2	0-0	0-1	0
Pritchard	10:04	0-2	1-2	0-1	0
Totals	240:00	34-85	14-19	11-42	22

Percentages: FG .400, FT .737

3-Point Goals: 15-38, .395 (Tatum 4-8, White 3-5, Smart 3-9, Brown 2-6, Horford 2-6, Williams 1-2, Pritchard 0-2)

Team Rebounds: 7

Team Turnovers: 1

Blocked Shots: 6 (Tatum 3, Williams III 2, Horford)

Turnovers: 15 (Tatum 6, White 3, Brown 2, Smart 2, Horford, Pritchard)

Steals: 8 (Smart 4, Brown, Tatum, White, Williams III)

Technical Fouls: None

Golden State	27	22	30	28	-	107
Boston	28	26	24	19	-	97

A-19,156 (18,624)

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS

Through Game 4

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	12140	91	380	31.7	
Doncic, DAL	15	160	104	475	31.7
Jokic, DEN	5	61	28	155	31.0
Curry, GS	20	183	101	552	27.6
Butler, MIA	17	166	111	466	27.6
Morant, MEM	9	81	65	244	27.1
Ingram, NO	6	56	39	162	27.0
Durant, BKN	4	32	34	105	26.3
Tatum, BOS	22	185	134	575	26.1
Mitchell, UTA	6	53	37	153	25.5
Edwards, MIN	6	50	28	151	25.2
Embiid, PHI	10	78	47	236	23.6
Booker, PHO	10	79	47	233	23.3
Brown, BOS	22	180	87	502	22.8
Siakam, TOR	6	51	31	137	22.8
McCollum, NO	6	49	18	133	22.2
Towns, MIN	6	39	43	131	22.1
Brunson, DAL	18	145	72	388	21.6
Irving, BKN	4	28	21	85	21.3
Hunter, ATL	5	39	16	106	21.2
DeRozan, CHI	5	39	26	104	20.8
Maxey, PHI	12	88	47	249	20.8
Vucevic, CHI	5	40	4	97	19.4
LaVine, CHI	4	27	14	77	19.3
Thompson, GS	20	146	24	386	19.3
Holiday, MIL	12	89	26	229	19.1
Bane, MEM	12	76	30	225	18.8
Harden, PHI	12	64	67	237	18.6
Bogdanovic, UTA	6	39	19	108	18.0
Ayton, PHO	13	105	21	323	17.9
Clarkson, UTA	6	40	16	105	17.5
Paul, PHO	13	87	35	228	17.5
Anunoby, TOR	6	39	12	104	17.3
Poole, GS	20	120	60	344	17.2
Harris, PHI	12	81	19	203	16.9
Wiggins, GS	20	124	40	319	16.0

3-PT FG PERCENTAGE	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Holiday, PHO	5	7	.714
Payton, GS	7	10	.700
Knox, ATL	6	10	.600
Millis, BKN	7	13	.538
Moody, GS	7	13	.538
Milton, PHI	8	15	.533
Curry, BKN	12	23	.522
McDaniels, MIN	10	20	.500
Bane, MEM	43	88	.489
Murphy, NO	9	19	.474
Hunter, ATL	12	26	.462
Horford, BOS	41	90	.456
Towns, MIN	10	22	.455
Tucker, MIA	23	51	.451
Kleber, DAL	34	78	.436

WNBA					
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Connecticut	8	4	.714	—	
Chicago	10	4	.667	1	
Washington	9	5	.643	1	
Atlanta	7	6	.538	2½	
New York	5	8	.385	4½	
Indiana	3	12	.200	7½	
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Las Vegas	10	2	.833	—	
Seattle	7	5	.583	3	
Dallas	6	6	.500	4	
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5	
Phoenix	4	8	.333	6	
Minnesota	3	10	.231	7½	

SATURDAY'S RESULT

Las Vegas at Los Angeles, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at New York, 2p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 4p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 6p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at Washington, 7p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

New York 97, Indiana 83
Chicago 83, Connecticut 79
Seattle 89, Dallas 88
Washington 76, Minnesota 59
Phoenix 90, Atlanta 88

HORSE RACING

154TH BELMONT STAKES

11th race at Belmont Park, Elmont, N.Y. Purse \$1,500,000, Stakes, 3-Year-Olds, One Mile and One Half, Dirt, Cloudy

Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets

Off 6:47. Good.

Fractional/Final Time: 23.99, 48.49, 1:13.23, 1:37.74, 2:03.06, 2:28.28.

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

Winner: Mo Donegal, Bay Colt, by Uncle Mo out of Callingmissbrown, by Pulpit.

Foaled Apr 19, 2019 in Kentucky.

We the People	126	1	1-1	1-11-1/2	1-2	3-1	4-5	F. Prat	3.90
Creative Minister	126	55	-hd	6-15-1/2	5-1/2	5-1/2	5-11/4	B. Hernandez Jr	7.70
Rich Strike	126	7	8	8	8	6-1	6-3	S. Leon	4.10
Barber Road	126	7	7-17	11-17/2	1-27-1/2	7-5	7-7	J. Rosario	8.70
Golden Gilder	126	74	1-2	4-hd	6-1	8	8	D. Davis	14.60
Time:	23.99,	48.49	1:13.23	1:37.74	2:03.06	2:28.28			
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3 Nest		5.30	4.10						
2Skippylongstocking			5.60						

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2Skippylongstocking			

\$1Pick 6(1-4-4-1-7-6) 6Correct Paid \$4,226.50.

\$0.2Pick 6(2DAY P6)3-5-1-4-7-6) 6Correct Paid \$383.80.

\$1Pick 6(1-4-4-1-7-6) 5Correct Paid \$40.50.

\$0.50Pick 5(4-4-1-7-6) 5Correct Paid \$1,158.25.

\$0.5Pick 4(4-1-7-6) 4Correct Paid \$221.25.

\$2.00Pick 4(2DAY P4) 5-7-7-6) 4Correct Paid \$2,828.00.

\$1Pick 3(1-7-6) 3Correct Paid \$67.65.

\$0.50Trifecta (6-3-2) paid \$93.75.

\$0.10Superfecta (6-3-2-1) paid \$69.20.

\$1Exacta (6-3) paid \$13.80.

\$1Daily Double (7-6) paid \$57.25.

\$1Daily Double (2DAY Gold Cup/Belmont) (1-6) paid \$12.00.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Rangers 2

June 1: N.Y. Rangers 6-2.

June 3: N.Y. Rangers 3-2.

June 5: Tampa Bay 3-2.

June 7: Tampa Bay 4-1.

June 9: Tampa Bay 3-1.

Saturday: at Tampa Bay, late

x-Tuesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Colorado 4, Edmonton 0

May 31: Colorado 8-6.

June 2: Colorado 4-0.

June 4: Colorado 4-2.

June 6: at Edmonton 6-5 (OT).

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-New Jersey	8	1	0	.889	206	159
x-Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625	222	201
Pittsburgh	1	7	0	.125	110	193
Michigan	1	8	0	.111	178	215
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	8	1	0	.889	213	151
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	176	138
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	138	157
Houston	2	7	0	.222	176	205

x-clinched playoff spot

WEEK 9

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

New Jersey 25, Michigan 23
Houston 17, Birmingham 15

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans, 4p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh, 7:30p.m.

WEEK 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Philadelphia vs. New Jersey, noon
Birmingham vs. Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Michigan vs. Pittsburgh, noon
New Orleans vs. Houston, 4p.m.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
No: New Jersey vs. Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
So: Birmingham vs. TBD, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

USFL Championship

Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
North champ vs. South champ, 7:30pm

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES TOYOTA / SAVE MART 350 LINEUP

After Saturday qualifying, race Sunday
At Sonoma Raceway; Sonoma, Calif.;
Lap length: 1.99 miles

(Car number in parentheses)

(1) (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 92.111 mph.

(2) (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 92.083.

(3) (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 91.919.

(4) (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 91.916.

(5) (8) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 91.821.

(6) (41) Cole Custer, Ford, 91.764.

(7) (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 91.685.

(8) (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 91.672.

(9) (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 91.522.

(10) (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 91.244.

(11) (45) Kurt Busch, Toyota, 91.560.

(12) (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 91.523.

(13) (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 91.472.

(14) (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 91.294.

(15) (4) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 91.253.

(16) (16) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 91.178.

(17) (15) Joey Hand, Ford, 91.171.

(18)

SPORTS

BASEBALL

Southington's tourney run comes to end

Blue Knights lose to Warde, 7-5, in Class LL title game

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

Zack Broderick exited Saturday's Class LL championship game with one out in the seventh inning to sporadic "MVP" chants and a standing ovation from Fairfield Warde's section behind the first base dugout before the Mustangs held on to defeat Southington, 7-5. In between hugs from his teammates, Broderick repeatedly raised his right index finger to the sky.

"My grandma passed away two weeks ago," he said after the game as emotion began to spew. "I did it for her. It means a lot to me."

Broderick finished 6 1/3 innings with 10 strikeouts.

"You give Zack Broderick the baseball and you know what you're gonna get out of it," Mustangs coach Brett Conner said. "(The team) plays with a lot of heart and they rally around each other."

The senior pitcher set the tone early when he stranded two runners in the first and recorded all

three outs via strikes. In Fairfield Warde's half of the inning, successful small ball pushed the first run across. Griffin Polley laid down a perfect squeeze bunt to the third base side that brought in Roman DiGiacomo and landed Polley safely at first.

Southington returned the favor with a squeeze bunt of its own to tie the game at one in the top of the third. Colin Crowley recorded the Blue Knights' first hit of the game when he ripped a one-out triple down the right field line, and Jaden Maia brought him in with a well-placed bunt to the first base side.

Fairfield Warde responded with three runs in its half of the third to take a 4-1 lead. Near the end of that frame, Southington pitcher Vincent Borghese took a hard line drive off his foot but stayed in the game.

"We rallied around Vinny and he carried us through (the post-season)," Southington head coach Stan Switala said. "He battled, he's a gamer — he never wants to come out."

Southington had allowed just two runs through its four tournament games entering Saturday.

The Blue Knights threatened with two runners in scoring posi-



Southington's Colin Crowley hits a triple in the CIAC Class LL state championship game against Fairfield Warde at Palmer Field in Middletown on Saturday. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

tion to start the top half of the sixth inning after North Carolina commit Jackson Rusiecki drilled a ball off the base of the left field wall, but Broderick recorded his ninth and 10th strikeouts of the game and induced a flyout to get away unscathed.

"I got a little worried, obviously we were in a close game still," Broderick said. "As long as I struck

one of the kids out and put two outs on the board, I could do whatever I needed to do — that's exactly what I had to do."

Warde finished its scoring with a run in the fifth inning and back-to-back RBI singles in the sixth. The Mustangs led 7-1 before Griffin Paddy relieved Broderick in the seventh. The game was not over, though, as Southington rallied

for four runs with two outs after big hits from Rusiecki and Justin Chiulli that cut the deficit to 7-5.

The Blue Knights' fire was one tough to put out. They were playing for something bigger than themselves after dedicating the season to late coach Charlie Lembo who died from cancer just before the tournament began. Lembo headed the Blue Knights for 10 seasons — from 2011 until he got sick in 2021 — and never had a losing year.

"They all rallied around Coach Lembo and his legacy," Switala said. "We're not only playing for our program and our town, we're playing for him."

The state title was the first for Warde since 1981 when the school was named Andrew Warde. The program is now 2-2 all-time. Southington is 3-11 in title games and has not won since 1999.

"They give it their best for this program and for this community — it's really something special and we felt it at the beginning of the year, we worked extremely hard," Conner said. "They're state champions today, they're state champions in the classroom and they're state champions in the community. They're only going to be successful."



St. Paul players celebrate their win Saturday against Somers in the CIAC Class S state championship game at Palmer Field in Middletown. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

St. Paul

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the green light.

"I knew if it was a strike I was going to swing," Daniels said. "On the way here, I was daydreaming about hitting a home run here. My dad did it in the state championship, and I think he also hit the press box, so that's pretty cool."

"I know exactly what it felt like to ... not get the win and it's really heartbreaking. But we knew we would be back here, so it feels amazing to finally finish it off, especially as a senior."

That homer gave St. Paul starting pitcher Joey Tonnotti more than enough run support. The sophomore finished a complete-game shutout with 10 strikeouts, only allowing two hits and four free passes.

"It really is a roller coaster of emotions," Tonnotti said. "A lot of guys in high school look to be in this exact moment that we were fortunate enough to be in, so the feelings can't really be described."

Tonnotti, an underclassman who was not on the 2021 St. Paul team, wasn't "feeling it" at the start of the game despite shutting down the first six hitters he faced. Between innings he critiqued little things to push his team over the

hump.

"Joey's been unbelievable all year for us. His ERA during the regular season, I think, was at 0.17," Rinaldi said while also noting the tournament performance by senior Brendan Foley, who pitched a shutout in the semifinal against Immaculate.

St. Paul had a perfect regular season with a 20-0 record. Its only loss came in the NVL conference tournament to Woodland.

"You come to the tournament, you're the No. 1 seed — everyone's gunning for the No. 1 seed," Rinaldi said.

"We want everybody's best and that's what we got," Tonnotti said. It was a good ride."

Somers finished the season at 20-6, and Saturday's championship appearance was the program's first since it lost back-to-back title games in 1983 and 1984.

"We're out there every day battling," Somers coach Jim Coleman said. "We faced a powerhouse."

"We're 22 kids in our program, small town trying to get some of the big dogs. We showed up. I'm proud of each and every one of them."

Saturday's win earned the fourth state title for St. Paul in seven appearances. The program's most recent championship came in 2016.



Cromwell's Jamie Anderson does a little jig as teammates cheer after they defeated North Branford in the CIAC Class S softball championship game Saturday in Stratford. PHOTO BY CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Cromwell

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were off and running from there. Top-seeded Cromwell won its first state softball title, defeating Shoreline opponent North Branford, the 15th seed, for the third time this season, 3-0, Saturday afternoon.

Kenney struck out 11 and allowed one hit, a bunt single, and was named the game's MVP.

"I've never pitched in a state championship before, definitely not in front of this many people," Kenney said. "I was really nervous in the beginning but then I realized my teammates have my back and I can't do it all by myself, I have to trust them and I did and it got better from there."

Junior Malena Signorello hit a two-run home run over the left field fence in the fourth inning and Wiatrak, a sophomore, hit a solo home run to left, her first of the season, in the sixth inning to provide plenty of support for Kenney.

Cromwell had beaten North Branford twice, 2-0 early in the season and 4-0 on May 20. The Thunderbirds had lost to Seymour in the Class M final last year.

North Branford got on first when Lauren Ackerman walked and Lexi Falcioni hit a sacrifice bunt to move her over. Ackerman tried for third but Signorello threw her out, to left fielder Grace McFarlin, who was covering third, for the double play.

After that, Kenney only gave up a bunt single to Ackerman in the

fourth inning.

"She settled down," Morello said. "She dominated. That's three times now against a very good team, she has shut them out. That's impressive."

Kenney struck out the side in the second and the last out, in the top of the seventh, was a strikeout. She jumped up and down and ran to her catcher and hugged her.

"It's amazing," Kenney said. "It means so much. I'm so grateful to be with this team and that we have the opportunity to do what we love."

"We had to have an extra hunger — like we might not get another chance at this again. We had to leave it all on the field."

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book page last year.

"One of my favorite races. Bad thing is I did not train for this. Back of the packer today."

It was OK. We ran and walked — and talked and talked. Tony was just that kind of person you could talk to about anything, a great listener. He was funny and sarcastic, kind and thoughtful.

We met through running and ran a lot of miles together. He was the manager of a supermarket in Bristol, and some days our schedules meshed for long runs.

He had been diagnosed with colon cancer the previous fall, but he never, at least publicly, felt sorry for himself. He never, again publicly, talked about dying.

Instead, he was all about living. "We're having a good time here," he said that day in a Facebook video. "This is great."

"It wasn't the speed or the mileage, it was the joy he found being with and supporting his friends while out there," said Celeste Fong of Middletown, one of our mutual friends. "Most runners are going to set a goal for themselves — 'I'm going to [qualify for the Boston Marathon], do a 100-mile, do my first 5K' — all of those goals, if they're extraordinary [or] they're ordinary, because that's kind of what we do."

"But Tony was different. It was

more that his goal was to share the joy of friendship. His goals were different."

I realized that I had been given a gift that day, a gift of time with my friend. We ran when Tony could and walked when he was spent. We spent an hour-and-a-half out there, supporting each other, enjoying each other's company — a block of time perfectly suspended in memory, knowing that it probably would not happen again.

Tony finished in 1 hour, 38 minutes. When we got to the finish line, there were very few people around — unlike this year, when hundreds of people were greet the runners as they race to the finish.

I cheered, Tony gave a little celebratory hop and pumped his fist, and that was it. We walked around a little, then we went home.

A few months later he was out on the trails of Colt State Park in Bristol, Rhode Island. He had signed up for Anchor Down in the winter when he was more hopeful about being able to train, but it hadn't happened. The race occurs on what is traditionally one of the hottest, most humid days of the year. It starts at night and participants must complete eight loops, or 19.6 miles, to get a medal.

Tony arrived straight from a work shift and began running. He made it 17 miles in six hours.

After the race he joined a

group of his friends — who all had received medals for finishing — and congratulated them. He was the only one without a medal.

"I remember him being tired when he arrived," said another friend, Heidi Groeger of Storrs, who ran the race. "He still remembered to bring flowers for [a friend's] birthday."

"That was Tony in a nutshell for me. He never complained. After the race he sincerely congratulated all of us with a huge smile on his face. There wasn't a hint of sadness over not getting a medal for himself."

"He always seemed so happy to see others achieve their goals."

This year, the theme of the race will be "One More Lap" in Tony's honor.

I will think about him this Sunday at Litchfield and how much he would have enjoyed the return of the "real race." I'll remember the way his face lit up when he saw his friends, many of whom will likely be out on the course again this year.

He may have been an "ordinary runner," a middle-of-the-pack guy, but what he did and how he acted in the last year of his life was extraordinary.

"He always put everyone else first," Fong said. "His goal was always the camaraderie of running."

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REGIONAL DIGEST

Yale sweeps Harvard in annual regatta

The Yale first varsity set an upstream record on Saturday in defeating Harvard in the school's annual regatta along the Thames River in Gales Ferry. The Elis' winning time of 18:17.5 beat the Crimson crew by nearly 25 seconds (18:42.1).

It was the 155th time the schools have raced as the historic event returned after a two-year absence. Prior to that, Yale's first varsity had won three straight and four of the last five.

"You have to win this if you want to have a good season at Yale," Steve Gladstone, the longtime Elis' coach, said in a post-race press release.

In addition Yale won the second and third varsity races, resulting in its first sweep of all three since 1996.

Yard Goats' roll continues

Michael Toglia's three-run homer was the big part of a five-run sixth inning that lifted the Hartford Yard Goats to their seventh straight win, a 7-3 victory over the Sea Dogs in an Eastern League Northeast Division game in Portland, Maine.

Aaron Schunk had three hits and Ezequiel Tovar and Willie MacIver each had a hit and an RBI. Will Gaddis (2-0) picked up the win in relief. Hartford is now 37-19.

Guilford's Beauton, Berlin's Dunn State Open golf winners

Andrew Beauton shot a 1-under-par 70 to win the CIAC State Open boys golf championship on Saturday at the Black Hall Club in Old Lyme. Bradley Sawka of Ellington was second, a shot back. Ryan Willey of East Windsor and Matthew Downes of St. Paul-Bristol were tied for third at 2-over 73.

Libby Dunn of Berlin was co-champion of the girls event, tying with Anna Lemcke of Staples-Westport at 7-over 79. Sydney Hidalgo of Cheshire finished in third, one shot back. Glastonbury's Morgan Peterson was fifth (82) and Hall's Anna DeSanto was sixth (84).

— Staff reports

WEATHER

SUNDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Some early sunshine, then becoming mostly cloudy, showers developing in the afternoon.

HIGH 75°
LOW 64°

MONDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

A lingering shower or thunderstorm is possible early, otherwise becoming partly sunny and warm.

HIGH 85°
LOW 60°

TUESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine with some fair weather clouds, warm.

HIGH 86°
LOW 58°

WEDNESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and warm.

HIGH 84°
LOW 61°

THURSDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, remaining warm. Showers and thunderstorms are possible at night.

HIGH 85°
LOW 67°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

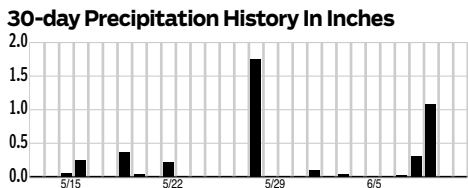
A warm front lifting northward through the state will cause thickening cloudiness on Sunday, along with the chance for some afternoon showers and perhaps a thunderstorm. There is a better chance for showers and thunderstorms this evening and early tonight. A shower or thunderstorm is still possible early Monday morning before the sky becomes partly sunny. High temperatures will be in the 70s on Sunday and then in the 70s and 80s on Monday. Dew points will be in the 50s Sunday morning and Monday afternoon, but in the low to mid-60s in between.

-Gary Lessor

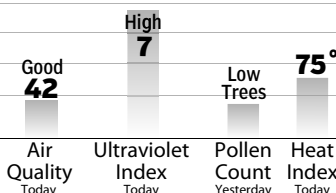
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Precipitation in Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.15
Month to date	1.52	1.64
Total this year	19.10	19.53

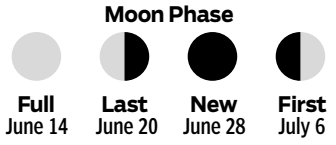
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.	8:26 p.m.
Moonrise	6:38 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
Moonset	3:34 a.m.	4:12 a.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	8:08 a.m. 8:22 p.m.	2:27 a.m. 2:18 p.m.	62°
Saybrook Jetty	9:16 a.m. 9:33 p.m.	3:20 a.m. 3:11 p.m.	64°
Connecticut River at Portland	11:59 a.m. p.m.	7:06 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	
Madison	9:40 a.m. 9:54 p.m.	3:28 a.m. 3:35 p.m.	65°
New Haven	10:00 a.m. 10:14 p.m.	3:52 a.m. 3:59 p.m.	63°
Stamford	10:04 a.m. 10:18 p.m.	4:06 a.m. 4:13 p.m.	60°
River Stage at Hartford:	3.23 feet at 5:30 p.m.		
Boating	L.I. Sound W Weather PM, S, 5-15	L.I. Sound E PM Shower, S, 5-15	B.I. Sound Shower/Fog, S, 5-10
Wind	PM, S, 5-15	PM, S, 5-15	S, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	79 at 3:32 p.m.	54 at 4:35 a.m.
Normal for date	79	57
Record for date	98 in 1973	40 in 1980
A year ago	77	55
Range this year	93	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - June 11	139	84	126

30-day Temperature History

Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.95 at 9 a.m.	29.87 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	53° at 8 a.m.	48° at 5 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 79 58 PC Burlington 83 63 SH Caribou 78 57 PC Concord 81 61 PC Montpelier 77 59 PC Mt. Wash. 51 43 PC Portland 74 60 PC Woods Hole 71 61 C NATION Albany 80 63 SH Albuquerque 97 68 PC Atlantic City 75 68 SH Baltimore 81 70 T Bismarck 82 59 PC Boise 67 47 R Buffalo 76 54 SH Charleston 89 76 SH Cincinnati 86 72 C Cleveland 81 64 SH Columbus 86 72 PC Indianapolis 91 74 T Jacksonville 108 82 S Las Vegas 87 79 S Miami Beach 59 54 C Milwaukee 59 54 C Nashville 92 75 PC New Orleans 91 77 PC New York 75 67 SH Okl. City 101 77 PC Omaha 88 75 C Orlando 90 74 T Pittsburgh 81 66 SH Raleigh 88 73 SH Salt Lake City 92 61 PC San Antonio 101 78 PC San Diego 72 65 PC San Juan 89 79 PC Tucson 109 81 S WORLD Amsterdam 68 54 PC Athens 83 70 PC Barbados 84 76 PC Bangkok 96 80 C Beijing 84 65 SH Beirut 79 70 S Berlin 81 57 PC Bermuda 79 74 PC Budapest 83 64 S Buenos Aires 60 47 S Cairo 97 71 S Cancun 89 77 S Dubai 98 84 S Dublin 64 49 PC Edinburgh 62 48 PC Helsinki 66 52 PC Hong Kong 84 75 SH Istanbul 73 65 SH Jerusalem 81 63 S Johannesburg 66 39 S Kingston 89 75 PC Lisbon 87 65 S London 73 52 PC Madrid 99 69 PC Mexico City 76 55 SH Milan 90 69 S Montreal 75 62 SH Moscow 78 60 PC Nassau 86 80 PC New Delhi 114 91 S Paris 77 52 PC Prague 82 60 PC Rio de Janeiro 70 65 SH Rome 91 62 S Seoul 82 63 SH Singapore 89 77 SH Stockholm 70 53 PC Sydney 61 45 S Tel Aviv 84 72 S Tokyo 81 62 PC Toronto 70 55 SH Vancouver 63 51 SH Warsaw 78 61 PC



Mo Donegal and jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. ride to victory in the 154th running of the Belmont Stakes, in Elmont, N.Y. on Saturday afternoon. Nest, a filly, finished second, and Skippy longstocking was third. AP

Belmont

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out of the Preakness with an eye on Belmont, the first healthy horse to skip Pimlico after winning the Triple Crown's first even since 1985.

Reed said the team encouraged jockey Sonny Leon to try pushing Rich Strike from the outside, but the horse kept trying to get back inside — where he made a late charge past 19 horse to win at Churchill Downs. Rich Strike spent much of the race in last place and couldn't recover.

"I think we just made a tactical error," Reed said.

Just like Rich Strike, Mo Donegal was at the back of the pack at the Derby, but the colt didn't have enough kick at Churchill Downs. He found it Saturday, winning the 154th running of the \$1.5 million race.

Mo Donegal made a winner out of co-owner Mike Repole, a local entrepreneur known around the track as "Mike from Queens." Repole also co-owns Nest.

"This has been a dream I've had for 40 years,"

Repole said. "This is New York's race."

It's the fourth straight year the Triple Crown races were won by three different horses, a first for the sport since 1926-29.

The race marked a return to form for Belmont itself after the 2020 Stakes were closed to the public due to the pandemic and the 2021 event was limited to 11,238 spectators by virus restrictions.

Capacity was capped again, this time at 50,000, because of congestion concerns stemming from the newly built arena next door for the NHL's New York Islanders. Still, fans crammed into cars on the Long Island Rail Road and breathed life into the 117-year-old track with floral headwear, pastel suits and the unmistakable musk of booze and cigars.

The reported attendance of 46,103 fell far short of the grounds record 120,139 set in 2004. Not much of a surprise, given the shaky weather forecast and the lack of a Triple Crown contender.

The field was sparse, too. No horse ran all three Triple Crown legs this year, heightening concern that three

races in five weeks may be too tight a schedule to keep the horses healthy.

Preakness winner Early Voting was sidelined, likely to prepare for the \$1.25 million Travers Stakes at Saratoga Race Course on Aug. 27. Epicenter, the runner-up at the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, also skipped.

In the \$500,000 Acorn for 3-year-old fillies, Mataraya romped to a 6 1/4-length victory. Favorite Echo Zulu scratched at the post on the advice of the track veterinarian.

Trained by Brad Cox and ridden by Flavien Prat, Mataraya (\$2.60) ran the mile in 1:35.77, winning for the fifth time in eight career starts.

Heavily favored Flightline got off a step slow, overcame an early traffic issue and cruised to a six-length victory in the \$1 million Hill 'N' Dale Metropolitan Mile.

The victory kept the 4-year-old Tapit colt undefeated in four career starts. This was the first one he did not win by double-digit lengths.

Flightline (\$2.90) was also ridden by Prat and trained by John Sadler.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
FAIRFIELD WARDE 7, SOUTHTON 5
Class M—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
WOODLAND VS. BARLOW, LATE
Class S—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
ST. PAUL 5, SOMERS 0
S 000-000-0-0-2-0
SP 300-200-x-5-8-1
WP: Joey Tonnotti. **LP:** Kaede Wood.
HR: SP—Ryan Daniels. Rec.: **SP**—26-1;
S—20-5. **Note:** Tonnotti (12-0) tossed a 2-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts, 4 walks. Both hits were only singles, and he did not allow a runner to reach third base. Daniels was 2-for-2 with a home run, 3 RBI, 2 runs scored. Mario Izzo had a double, RBI and Devin Kulas had a double, run scored. Colby McCormick and Troy Maia had the hits for Somers.

SOFTBALL

Class L—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
MASUK 4, WATERFORD 0
Class M—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
WOODLAND 4, OXFORD 0
Class S—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
CROMWELL 3, NORTH BRANFORD 0
NB 000-000-0-0-1-0
C 000-201-x-3-6-0
WP: Lily Kenney. **LP:** Kiley Mullins. **HR:** C—Victoria Wiatrak, Malena Signorello. Rec.: C—22-2; NB—17-8.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
NEW CANAAN 14, DARIEN 13
Class M—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
GUILFORD 12, ST. JOSEPH 8
Class S—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
NEW FAIRFIELD 16, LAURALTON HALL 1

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
100meter: 1. Colin Brown, Cheshire, 10.85; 2. Andrew Farr, Gorham (Maine), 11.00; 3. Jared Gibbons, La Salle Academy (R.I.), 11.02.
200: 1. Andrew Farr, Gorham (Maine), 21.95; 2. Michael Harden, Reading (Mass.), 22.00; 3. Colin Brown, Cheshire, 22.04.
400: 1. Samuel Sandler, Hall, 47.93; 2. Andrew Farr, Gorham (Maine), 48.27; 3. Gianluca Bianchi, Greenwich, 48.38.
800: 1. Kaden Kluth, Portsmouth (R.I.), 1:52.48; 2. David Vandi, Lowell (Mass.), 1:52.53; 3. Jacob Ramos, South Portland (Maine), 1:53.92.
1,600: 1. Pierce Seigne, Hanover (N.H.), 4:07.09; 2. Callum Sherry, Conard, 4:07.13; 3. Steven Hergenrother, Ridgefield, 4:09.49.
3,200: 1. Sam Hiltz, Concord (N.H.), 9:04.51; 2. Evan Thornton-Sherman, St. Johnsbury (Ver.), 9:08.37; 3. Henry Dennen, Cumberland (R.I.), 9:11.74.
110hurdles: 1. Michael Johnson, Lewis Mills, 14.08; 2. Joshua Mooney, Stonington, 14.28; 3. Sean Golembewski, Hopkinton (Mass.), 14.32.
300hurdles: 1. Nate Fletcher, Portsmouth (N.H.), 38.60; 2. Michael Johnson, Lewis Mills, 39.06; 3. Matthew Stametelatos, North Smithfield (R.I.), 39.16.
4x100relay: 1. La Salle Academy (R.I.) (Chase Gouvin, Jubril Bangbala, Brady Fisher, Jared Gibbons), 42.15; 2. Bishop Hendrickson (R.I.), 42.64; 3. Southington, 42.65.
4x400: 1. Hall (Sean McDaniel, Jona-

than York, Tobias Ruffo, Samuel Sandler), 3:18.92; 2. Lexington (Mass.), 3:20.35; 3. Central Catholic (Mass.), 3:21.52.
4x800: 1. Hall (Sean McDaniel, Colin Goldschmidt, Tobias Ruffo, Gabrielle Sisk), 7:50.30; 2. E.O. Smith, 7:51.19; 3. St. Johnsbury (Ver.), 7:57.46.
Long jump: 1. Frank Morang, Cheverus (Maine), 23-5.5; 2. Cashmere Mathurin, Stoughton (Mass.), 22-6.5; 3. Aiden Law, Haddam-Killingworth, 22-5.5.
Triple jump: 1. Holden Speed, Wethersfield, 47-3.75; 2. Ese Onakpoma, Naugatuck, 46-10.75; 3. Cameron Bowser, Washington Academy (Maine), 46-2.
High jump: 1. Timothy Watson, Simsbury, 6-9; 2. Ese Onakpoma, Naugatuck, 6-5; 3. Ian Solberg, Hanover (N.H.), 16-5.
Pole vault: 1. Sawyer Garrett, Dover-Sherborn (Mass.), 14-9; T-2. Nicholas Rivard-Lentz, East Hampton and Samuel Epstein, Merrimack (N.H.), 14-3.
Javelin: 1. Maxwell Cute, La Salle Academy (R.I.), 192-10; 2. Jack Freyler, Southington, 185-5; 3. Adam Dubois, North Smithfield (R.I.), 182-0.
Discus: 1. Gary Moore Jr., Hillhouse, 187-9; 2. Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan, Woonsocket (R.I.), 186-4; 3. Matt Charpentier, York (Maine), 170-5.
Shot put: 1. Max Klein, Newton North (Mass.), 65-5; 2. Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan, Woonsocket (R.I.), 62-2.75; 3. Isaiah Brunache, Mt. Anthony Union (Ver.), 59-8.25.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
100meter: 1. Alanna Smith, Danbury, 11.96; 2. Emma Green, Gorham (Maine), 12.23; 3. Kaitlyn Fay, Greenwich, 12.40.
200: 1. Alanna Smith, Danbury, 24.09; 2. Sydney Segalla, Housatonic, 24.66; 3. Anna-Sashia Jones, Weaver, 24.95.
400: 1. Sydney Segalla, Housatonic, 53.27; 2. Kylee Bernard, Cambridge (R.I.), 55.26; 3. Molly Harding, Glastonbury, 56.88.
800: 1. Gabriella Hernandez, E.O. Smith, 2:10.63; 2. Olivia Birney, Simsbury, 2:11.37; 3. Brianna Malone, Portsmouth Christian (N.H.), 2:11.52.
1,600: 1. Mia-Claire Kezal, Thornton (Maine), 4:56.70; 2. Lughan Hughes, Bellows Free (Ver.), 4:57.33; 3. Emily Mrakovcic, Wilton, 4:58.39.
3,200: 1. Rachel St. Germain, Somers, 10:32.28; 2. Ruth White, Orono (Maine), 10:37.66; 3. Megan Randall, Bangor (Maine), 10:42.59.
100hurdles: 1. Amanda Castaldi, Sheehan, 14.78; 2. Janessa Duren, Central Catholic (Mass.), 14.84; 3. Katherine DeFosse, Auburn (Mass.), 14.87.
300hurdles: 1. Makenna Drouin, Edward Little (Maine), 43.74; 2. Mariella Schweitzer, Barlow, 44.16; 3. Allison Murphy, Naugatuck, 44.29.
4x100relay: 1. Sheehan (Patrice Mansfield, Amanda Castaldi, Maya Wresien, Avery Winters), 48.08; 2. Old Saybrook, 48.37; 3. Framingham (Mass.), 48.59.
4x400: 1. Glastonbury (Alyssa Healy, Meghan Smith, Hannah Caiola, Molly Harding), 3:54.37; 2. Wachusett (Mass.), 3:58.51; 3. East Hartford, 4:00.02.
4x800: 1. E.O. Smith (Elizabeth Bigelow, Alexis Buskey, Jillian Dingler, Gabriella Hernandez), 18:2-3; 2. Weston, 9:24.25; 3. Glastonbury, 9:27.67.
Long jump: 1. D'Jior Delisser, Bloomfield, 19-5.75; 2. Gabrielle Pierce, Lincoln-Sudbury (Mass.), 18-2; 3. Lauren Boyd, Smithfield (R.I.), 18-0.5.
Triple jump: 1. Jacqueline Edoro, Classical (R.I.), 37-10.5; 2. Mikaela Langston, Mt. Ararat (Maine), 37-7.5; 3. Laniyah Henderson, Bloomfield, 36-5.5.
High jump: 1. Morgan Casey, Ports-

mouth (R.I.), 5-7; 2. Audrey Kirkutis, Conard, J5-7; T-3. Shaelyn Murphy, Maloney and Charlotte DiRocco, Concord-Carlisle (Mass.), 5-5.
Pole vault: 1. Makena Lee, Coe-Brown (N.H.), 11-9; 2. Allyson Humphries, Classical (R.I.), 11-3; 3. Talia Graham, Bethel, J11-3.
Javelin: 1. Shea Greene, Weston, 152-1; 2. Shelby Anderson, Marshwood (Maine), 131-6; 3. Lillian Corbitt, Pembroke (Mass.), 121-4.
Discus: 1. Michaela Denson, Sabis International (Mass.), 151-0; 2. Natalie Krysta, Bellingham (Mass.), 131-2; 3. Olivia O'Connor, Hillhouse, 127-6.
Shot put: 1. Lindsay Isaacs, Wachusett (Mass.), 39-6.5; 2. Skye Petrie-Cameron, Newton North (Mass.), 38-9.75; 3. Tess Rancourt, Pembroke (Mass.), 38-9.5.

BOYS GOLF

CIAC STATE OPEN (BLACK HALL CLUB, OLD LYME)
Top 10 individuals: 1. Andrew Beaton, Guilford, 70(-1); 2. Bradley Sawka, Ellington, 71; T-3. Ryan Willey, East Windsor and Matt Downes, St. Paul, 73; 5. Anthony DePaolo, Cheshire, 75; T-6. Conner Rabbitt, RHAM and Charles Duffy, Fairfield Prep, 76; T-8. Luke Stennett, Portland, Colin Murphy, Coginchaug and Cameron Seifert, Killingly, 77.

GIRLS GOLF

CIAC State Open (Black Hall Club, Old Lyme)
Top 10 individuals: 1. Libby Dunn, Berlin and Anna Lemcke, Staples, 79 (+7); 3. Sydney Hidalgo, Cheshire, 80; 4. Aofie Devaney, Kennedy, 81; 5. Morgan Peterson, Glastonbury, 82; 6. Anna DeSanto, Hall, 84; T-7. Erin Downes, St. Paul, Samantha Dunn, Berlin and Ava Gross, Amity, 85; 10. Kenna Roman, Berlin, 86.

SUNDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 25tapes (17-2) vs. No. 1Darien (17-1), 3p.m.
Class M—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 10Notre Dame-West Haven (14-5) vs. No. 4Wilton (16-3), 12:30p.m.
Class S—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 7Northwest Catholic (15-4) vs. No. 5Weston (15-4), 10a.m.

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULT

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 1
UConn at Stanford, LATE

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 2
UConn at Stanford, 7p.m.

MONDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 3 (if necessary)
UConn at Stanford, time TBD

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“When I was borrowing paper towels from the neighbors, I was thinking: This is why you get an inspection before you buy the house. Because now it’s on you to fix things.”

— Ben Poles, Rest Assured Inspections owner



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Winning, but risky, strategy

Leaks, termites and cracked foundations: Skipping home inspections in a competitive market is tempting, but problems can surface later

By **Michaelle Bond** | The Philadelphia Inquirer

The woman had just bought a house an investor flipped in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. She skipped a home inspection to compete against other buyers and, a couple months ago, she asked inspector Ben Poles to take a look.

As part of his usual examination, Poles, who owns Rest Assured Inspections in Pottstown, filled up the tub in a second-floor bathroom. The water didn’t get hot. When he went downstairs to investigate the cause, he saw that wasn’t the homeowner’s biggest problem: Water was pouring through the ceiling, and the drywall was coming apart.

“When I was borrowing paper towels from the neighbors, I was thinking: This is why you get an inspection before you buy the house,” he said. “Because now it’s on you to fix things.”

He called the homeowner, and “you could hear her heart just sink.”

To make offers more attractive in a strong sellers market and to beat competitors, buyers are continuing to skip home inspections, which are meant to protect them. And they’re doing so at rates the real estate industry has never before seen. Inspection contingen-

cies let buyers back out of a deal or try to get sellers to pay for repairs before a sale.

“In this white-hot market, buyers feel the pressure to make all sorts of concessions,” said Angela Giampolo, managing attorney at Philadelphia-based Giampolo Law Group.

It can be a winning — if risky — strategy for some.

“For better or for worse,” said Scott Reidenbach, founding principal of Reidenbach & Associates, based in Wayne, “you now have the house.” And some buyers find themselves in the “worse” category.

The Montgomery County woman with the destroyed bathroom was one of several of Poles’ clients who waived the home inspection and then later told him, “we just want (one) for peace of mind.”

“Some of these people,” he said, “they don’t get peace of mind after I go in there.”

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buyers waiving inspections. “That has changed big time,” he said.

The usual concessions that used to win over sellers haven’t been enough for some who have their pick of offers and often look for the easiest and quickest deal. If buyers waive inspections, that’s one less opportunity for the sale to fall through, and the seller basically gets to sell the home as is.

“It’s making people feel desperate and make bad decisions, and they’re really paying for it,” said Austin Freundlich, partner and co-owner at Freundlich & Littman, based in Philadelphia. “There are a lot of first-time home buyers out there that are going to get completely fleeced.”

Real estate professionals don’t recommend that buyers waive inspections of homes — the biggest purchases they likely will ever make. Freundlich just bought a home, and given what he’s seen in his law practice, he said he didn’t even consider waiving any contingencies.

Skipped inspections can mean unhappy surprises

Walking through a house without seeing obvious problems or buying newly constructed homes can

leave buyers with a false sense of security. Inspections are designed to find issues that aren’t evident.

New homeowners are encountering problems with HVAC systems, lawyers said. They’re poorly constructed, which can mean leaks and mold, or they don’t properly control temperature or ensure air quality throughout the home.

Roofs leak. Floors in newly built homes warp. Termites compromise the home’s structure. Cracks in foundations let in water. Poor plumbing drips water through walls.

Freundlich had one client whose bedroom wall collapsed because of a water leak. Another client discovered the home’s basement floods with sewage.

Calls to Bose Houser, president and chief executive officer of the Philadelphia-based design and construction company Rocks + Cornerstones, include complaints about electrical switches not working and backlogged toilets.

“Most of the time, it’s the things you don’t see until you start trying to use the house,” she said.

Buyers know they made a mistake.

What buyers can do after a purchase

Buyers who waive their rights to inspections still have some options if they find problems after a sale. They can go after sellers under consumer protection laws or challenge a builder if they find defects in new homes under warranty.

Anger over bad deals is driving an increase in legal claims by buyers against sellers, Reidenbach said.

A common route is for buyers to accuse owners of not telling them everything they knew was wrong with the home on the seller’s property disclosure form, a document required by law. Through negotiations or a lawsuit, they can try to get money from the seller to fix problems by accusing the prior homeowner of purposefully concealing issues or failing to disclose issues they should have known about.

But, Giampolo said, “you don’t want to hang your hat on that.” Proving what a seller knew can be difficult. And buyers have to weigh legal costs of investigating and potentially suing their sellers against the severity of the issues to be fixed.

Buyers are waiving more than home inspections

“To my dismay, many

people are still waiving everything when making an offer,” said Reidenbach, who has been practicing law for 24 years. “I’ve never seen this many buyers waiving this many contingencies.”

Some buyers are giving up appraisal contingencies, which say that the sale depends on a lender agreeing that the home is worth the price. If the lender determines that the home is worth less, these buyers have to come up with the difference in value. Waiving mortgage contingencies means buyers can’t walk away from the deal if they can’t get financing by the settlement date.

Waiving clear title, or ownership, of a property is “off the Richter scale of danger,” but buyers across the country do it, Giampolo said. They may later find someone else’s liens passed on to them.

“I feel like people think it’s far-fetched that title problems happen but it’s just not,” she said.

Freundlich advises home buyers to do their due diligence before purchasing and to avoid getting caught up in the frenzy they see around them.

“It just might not be worth it,” he said.

5 ways to embrace modular furniture design in your home

By **Cathy Hobbs**
Tribune News Service

Whether you are looking for versatility or to create an interesting configuration, modular furniture has become a popular go-to for interior designers. Gone are the days of a one-size-fits-all approach.

Enter modular, in which a room can be framed or a seating arrangement created from sections as opposed to a single unit.

Modular configurations are especially popular in

urban areas, where elevator sizes may prohibit some furniture options, but they are also gaining favor for those who simply desire a more customized seating approach.

Thinking of going modular? Here are some top tips.

1. Measure the space you are looking to design, taking into consideration pathways and room flow.

2. Incorporate sections that are armless if possible, as this allows for the most amount of flexibility.

3. Select modular pieces that have features such as reversible sections or removable arms that allow for various configurations from the same modular section.

4. Purchase modular furniture pieces in solid colored fabrics to avoid having to worry about matching a pattern or design.

5. Avoid sections that have connectors. It is best to have sections that are fully upholstered on both sides to maximize flexibility.



A double chaise sofa is created from two modular sofa sections. **COURTESY**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Will sibling squabble lead to an eviction?

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I bought a house with a friend in 2012. Recently, he sold his 50% interest to my sister, making her my new partner in the property. I allowed her to be the only one on the deed. Now she is “evicting” me and claiming we had an “oral lease agreement” and that is why it is not on paper. I have lived in this home for many years now and still have receipts of all the money I have put into the home. How can I prove that I am a co-tenant if there is no written proof and I am not on the deed?

A: Your situation is complex and difficult to understand completely. So, we’ll make an educated guess as to the issues you’re facing.

Let’s start with this: Are you a co-owner of the property or a renter? You can’t be both. When you own a home, you have the right to live in the home. When you don’t own the home or any interest in the home, but still live there, you might be a tenant, a renter or an occupant of the home.

So, having established that you can’t be a renter and an owner simultaneously, we wonder if you are still on the property’s title. You purchased the home with a friend in 2012, and at that time we’re sure your name was listed on title along with your friend’s name. You and your friend likely were co-owners of the home.

What percentage of the property did each of you own? We’re going to assume you were equal owners. When your friend sold his interest in the home to your sister, she would have received the 50% of the property he owned. You would have still owned 50% of the



An attorney can help determine what inhabitants are entitled to, if anything. **DREAMSTIME**

property.

The odd part of your email is that you state you are “not on the deed.” You could only “not be on the deed” if you never owned the home at all or you somehow went along with your friend and conveyed your share of the home to your sister at the same time he did. We’d hope you’d know if you did that.

Of course, if you purchased the home with your friend, you would be on that deed from 2012, but you would not be on your friend’s deed when he transferred his 50% interest to your sister. You’ll have to determine whether you ever were on the title to the home and if

you ever intentionally or unintentionally conveyed your ownership interest in the home to your sister or someone else.

How do you do that? Dig out any documentation relating to your original purchase in 2012. You can look up the website in your county or municipality that handles the recording or filing of real estate documents. Using the online tools for that website, you might be able to view (and even print) the documents in question. If they’re too complicated or difficult for you to figure out, you’ll need to hire a real estate attorney to review your situation.

You might also go down

to that governmental office and see if the clerk in the office can offer assistance in locating these documents.

Once you have the documents, you or your attorney can verify if you were, and are still, an owner of the property.

Assuming you are an owner, the next question is how will you and your sister share the ownership of the property?

In other words, what did you and your sister agree to as it relates to your use of the property?

If you’re an owner, you and your sister need to come to an agreement about the use and financial management of the

property. While you’ve had possession of the home for a long time, your sister apparently does not believe you should have the use of the home now. You maintain you have the right to continue to use it. If you’re an owner, you should have the right to stay. If you’re a renter, then you may not.

Has she formally started the eviction process? If so, you’ll need to pull together all the paperwork you have and find an attorney who can help you navigate the legal process. If you’re a renter and not an owner, you might still prevail against your sister and keep your occupancy of the home. But, you may have to pay a monthly fee (or rent)

to your sister.

You should consult with an attorney anyway, because the ownership is in question and the case is complex. If you’ve paid maintenance costs, real estate taxes, insurance bills, repair and replacement expenses over the years, you may be entitled to get some or all of that back, if you are no longer an owner.

One last tip: Make sure that the attorney you hire has previous experience in real estate issues like yours.

Ilyce Glink is the CEO of Best Money Moves and Samuel J. Tamkin is a real estate attorney. Contact them through the website ThinkGlink.com.



A duct inspection can identify areas where you’re losing air and energy in your HVAC system. **DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

How to chill out this summer

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

For much of the nation, keeping homes cool is one of the most energy-intensive tasks around the house, consuming about 6% of all electricity in the United States. Because of that, your cooling system is often foremost on your mind in summer. Here are four questions to ask yourself to chill out this summer and lower your energy bills.

1. Is my HVAC system the right size?

You might think that the solution to home cooling is a bigger and more robust system, but an extra-sized air conditioning system is less effective at cooling than one correctly sized for your home. Heating and air conditioning units measure their ability to add or remove heat from a home in British thermal units (BTUs). Air conditioners are rated per ton, which removes 12,000 BTUs per hour from the home. Every house’s needs are unique, and you can’t measure BTU just by square footage. An HVAC pro can perform the necessary calculations and recommend a system the right size for

your home. Too much AC power can be as bad as too little, leading to extremes in temperature and decreased humidity control.

2. Is my HVAC infrastructure in good shape?

The most efficient AC can’t help your home if the chilled air can’t get to or stay where it belongs. That’s why basic weatherstripping makes a big difference. Check your windows and doors for any leaks where air might be leaking. If your home uses traditional ducts, consider hiring a pro to perform an inspection. Air ducts often go without maintenance for years, but even a minor gap in your ducts can seriously drop efficiency. A simple duct repair can save a lot in energy costs.

3. How can a multistage or zoned system help me?

Traditional HVAC units work at two speeds: on or off. You can purchase more advanced models that operate with two or three power stages. Running a lower level of heating or cooling constantly throughout the day can maintain a comfortable temperature. This saves energy compared with continually turning on and

off. However, these models will cost more.

An HVAC zoning system can also lower energy costs. Zoning provides different temperatures for different parts of the house. You can have just two zones, upstairs and downstairs, or pay more for extra zoning. This gives you added comfort and flexibility. It can also save energy.

4. What else can I do to cool off?

The best cooling system is the one you need to use the least. You’ll increase comfort and save energy costs by utilizing passive techniques to cool off the home and lower humidity, thus requiring your system not to work as hard. Running fans throughout the house will keep the air moving and reduce stuffiness. (Make sure to set your ceiling fans to the clockwise position for the best effect.) Have an insulation pro take a look at your walls; older insulation is less effective and wastes energy.

Windows tend to increase heat in the home. Use blinds, curtains or window film to cover them during the day and keep sunlight from heating up your home.

TREASURES

Photo on dollhouse easel increases set’s desirability

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: I am wondering what you could tell me about this set of ivory miniature furniture. I think my grandmother might have received it from a San Francisco family she worked for as a nanny around World War I. The family may have given it away because it had the name of a German town on the little easel. A few of the pieces are broken because they have been through a few earthquakes. When I was a little girl, it was always kept in a case behind glass. Any information would be appreciated.

A: We have some good news. The pieces are not made from any kind of ivory. Instead, these pieces were carved from bone — probably good old bovine bones of some nature.

How do we know this? We suspected they were bone just from a cursory look at the photographs, but closer inspection of one revealed tell-tale dark specks on the lid and inside divisions of the miniature sewing table.

This is really all we needed to see to know the pieces of dollhouse furniture are bone, probably carved in India during the time of the British Raj (1858-1947). We believe this particular set is circa 1900.

The set appears to consist of the aforementioned easel and sewing table complete with tiny sewing implements inside, plus a bookcase/cabinet filled with books and whatnot, a sofa, two side chairs, a table and a piano with sheet music. To be sure, we do see damage and losses, but we also see the bookcase/cabinet contains several of the small lopped-off appendages and we hope this means that



Beautiful but delicate, this dollhouse furniture was probably made in India. **COURTESY**

repair would not be all that difficult for a professional.

To us, one of the more interesting of the pieces is the easel with a photograph, which appears to be of the German spa town of Bad Neuenahr (now Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler). Specifically, we think the picture may be of the Thermal Badehaus und Kurhaus, a building in Bad Neuenahr that dates to 1900.

The picture we have of the easel is fuzzy, but we think we see the distinctive fountain out front of the Thermal Badehaus. But we could be mistaken. In any event, the photograph appears to be a small single panel from a stereo view of Bad Neuenahr and suggests the set might have been a souvenir from the famous spa town.

This type of Anglo/

Indian bone furniture with its filigree components is not unique and pieces do turn up from time to time. But the added element of the photograph on the easel makes the set somewhat more interesting and desirable to collectors. The set should be valued for retail purposes in the range of \$800 to \$1,000.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you’d like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you’d like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 39 High Street, Farmington

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Property of the Week

An Exceptional Georgian Colonial is Offered in Farmington

By James Alexander

In 1934 the country was still in the grips of the Great Depression. However, for people with ample financial resources, it seemed anything could be done, including building this exceptional home on High Street in Farmington Village.



No matter your perspective, this Georgian Colonial is a standout. Set well back from the street, it is majestic with its ivy-covered brick exterior, dual chimneys, slate roof, and long driveway. No exterior detail was overlooked.

That is also true of the interior. “The entry foyer is elegant,” Marla Byrnes, who is handling the sale, said as she pointed out the barrel vaulted ceiling over the front door. Above this entrance is a leaded window with an exterior light fixture embedded in the glazing. “I’ve never seen this detail anywhere else,” she said.



For visitors, the view of the interior from the front door extends to the rear of the home, where large windows highlight the professionally landscaped grounds. At the end of this entry foyer there is a curved stairway to the second floor and a hall that leads to the living room on one side and the formal dining room on the other side. This is one of two ways to access the living room from within the home.

The other access point is from the entry hall through the library, where the woodwork and trim are exceptional and serve as a lasting testament to the highly skilled workers — artisans, really — who built this home. From the pediment over the library’s entrance to the raised paneling, built-in storage and bookcases, and coffered ceiling, the workmanship is flawless. Other highlights of the library include a fireplace, one of seven in the home, and immediate access to one of four half-baths.

The living room runs from the front to rear of the home. It is large and inviting with an oversized fireplace, exceptional trim work that includes crown molding with a dentil accent and French doors at the rear leading to one of the home’s two patios.

The living room, which takes full advantage of natural lighting, is adjacent to the sunroom. “This room is bright, sunlit, and lovely,” said Byrnes, who also noted the sunroom’s marble floor and bay windows.



On the other side of the entry hall is a formal dining room that is clearly able to accommodate large gatherings. In addition to the exceptional care in its trim work, this room features padded fabric walls above the wainscoting and a large, central chandelier.



Adjacent to the dining room is the kitchen. This is yet another room in the house that extends from the front to the rear, which allows it to accommodate a large seating area, a table for informal meals, and a food preparation area that features two separate sinks and professional grade appliances. An island that seats four people has one of the sinks, offers ample workspace, and has one of the kitchen’s two dishwashers. Along the outer wall are the microwave oven, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and a commercial grade Wolf range that includes, in addition to the expected surface burners, a griddle and a salamander, which is a highly efficient broiler.

“Don’t forget the beautiful built-in corner cupboards with their glass doors and the circular stairway to the second floor,” Byrnes said, adding, “This is the finest circular staircase I’ve seen. It is a circular staircase to end all circular staircases.” It is also one more testament to the workmanship that is evident throughout this home.



The highlight of the second floor is the primary suite. It is large and inviting, with a tray ceiling, a fireplace that has been converted to gas, and an abundance of rich architectural detail. Its bathroom has been divided into two separate rooms. One holds the commode, a bidet and a sink. The other has a jetted tub, a dual-head shower, and a dual sink vanity, all surrounded by more custom woodwork.



A short hall within the primary suite leads to a large dressing room with a built-in bureau. Its top is ideal for laying out a suitcase when packing for a trip.

An adjacent guest bedroom features a fireplace and a full bath. A short distance away is a second large dressing room with immediate access to a full bath. In all, there are five bedrooms and five full baths. “No one needs to share a bathroom,” Byrnes noted.

The second floor also features a large family room.



Its windows look over the in-ground heated pool, a putting green with a sand trap, and ample space for gatherings and a game of croquet. Its Palladian window is a beautiful architectural detail.

The third floor features a ballroom that now serves as a home office on one side and a gym on the other. Separating these two functions is a wall unit with a television screen that can be turned toward either the office or gym. This floor has a kitchenette, half bath and a deck that provides captivating views.



Other highlights include a carriage house with separate living quarters consisting of a kitchen, a dining and seating area, bedroom, and full bath. Below is a four-car garage. A Kohler generator stands ready to provide power when needed. The property abuts the Hillstead Museum.

This is a home that is perfect for daily living and entertaining on a grand scale. Byrnes’ assessment, “This house is simply magnificent,” is an understatement.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

39 High Street, Farmington

Built: 1934
Price: \$2,795,000
Style: Georgian Colonial
Rooms: 15
Bedrooms: 5
Baths: 5 full, 4 half
Square footage: 6,882 (7,747 with carriage house apartment)
Acreage: 2.9
Mill rate: 28.81
Best feature: This Georgian Colonial is gorgeous, with workmanship that would be difficult to replicate at any price today.
Contact: Marla Byrnes, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties; marla@bhhsne.com; 860-212-4501

WEST HARTFORD

Meticulously maintained Colonial located on a quiet cul de sac West of Mounatin Rd. This property offers beautiful updates...as you enter the home you are greeted by a large 4 season breezeway that leads you into a large light filled Kitchen complete with SS appliances, granite counter tops, vaulted ceilings, recessed lights & large island. The remainder of the first floor includes a formal dining room, powder room and living room with fireplace. The second floor of the home includes 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms one of which is a master suite complete with full bathroom & walk-in closet. The LL includes additional living space & half bathroom great for entertaining or rec room for kids. Highlights include: freshly finished wood floors, new windows throughout, central air, 2 decks, 2 car attached garage, generator hook up, shed & professionally landscaped yard. Do not miss this home! MLS# 170496401 \$439,900. 3 Walker Ln, West Hartford CT. Kevin Eagan 860.416.3333 | kevineagan@bhhsne.com



NEW HARTFORD

New Hartford Contemporary 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home located on 1.65 acres with spacious open floor plan perfect for entertaining. The living room fireplace is gas(propane) and double sided. The well-equipped kitchen with center island also has sliders to the private back deck with wooded area behind. The family room is off the kitchen with a door to the back deck as well. Laundry is conveniently located on the 2nd floor. The spacious master bedroom has generous closet space, fireplace and updated full bath. A partially finished basement w walk out to the back yard offers additional living space. There is also an attached 2 car garage with a door that opens to the mud room. New Hartford is home to Ski Sundown and Brodie Park which hosts a summer concert series as well as several camps. Wineries, a brewery and several farms are in close proximity as is the Farmington River, a popular site for fly fishing and tubing. MLS# 170495189 \$519,000. 4 Den Rd, New Hartford CT. Rebecca Koladis 860.670.0647 | bkoladis@bhhsne.com



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

3 Robin Dr, Mattei, Jay and Mattei, Rose to Soultatos, Joseph, 5/23, \$425,000
23 Crestwood Rd, Cummings, Edward to Dorvil, Jeremiah and Marenyi, Taylor, 5/24, \$235,000
24 Farrell Dr, FNMA to Marcellino, Joseph P, 5/26, \$227,939
35 Johnson St, Sollami, Louis to Crooks, Aquil, 5/25, \$405,000
73 Franklin St, Ferreras, Edgar J and Ferreras, Kaylyn to Almanza, Alexander, 5/24, \$365,000
149 Division St, Albaladejo 2nd, Eugenio to Higgins, Ashley and Cruz, Jeremy, 5/26, \$310,000
177 N State St, Anzellotti, William to Illas, Alfredo I and Ortiz, Jazmin, 5/24, \$252,000
179 N State St, Anzellotti, William to Illas, Alfredo I and Ortiz, Jazmin, 5/24, \$252,000
222 Westfield Ave, Wagner, Geraldine M to Ishaq Sr, Muhammad and Mohammad, Ishaq, 5/24, \$260,000

ASHFORD

10 Oakview Dr, Peterson Lorraine Est and Price, Patrick M to Lester, Daniel, 5/24, \$190,000
14 Bicknell Rd, Paul, Mary A and Paul, Raymond to Plagege, Ian and Plagege, Kayla, 5/25, \$490,000
76 Lakeview Dr, Thomas, Trairong P to Lee, Joseph A and Hall, Joseph P, 5/25, \$165,000

AVON

3 Pond Pl Lot 3, Lazich, Kimberly J to Kietlerling, Kamil, 5/25, \$251,000
6 Foxcroft Run, Dean, Nancy G to Tierny, Chad E and Hodgkinson, Emily, 5/25, \$630,000
17 Stillbrook Rd, Fal Andrea D Est and Deere, Veronica to A Z Z Investors LLC, 5/26, \$170,000
21 Delbon Ln, Yu, Yungqing to Mccarthy, Margaret J, 5/26, \$380,000
27 Devonshire Ct, Pomeroy, Gary C and Pomeroy, Roxanne K to Spallone, John and Spallone, Melanie, 5/26, \$800,000
35 Tower Ln, Apogee Properties LLC to W S Avon LLC, 5/24, \$1,537,000
47 Huckleberry Hill Rd, Hoffman, Linda R to Mompoint&Jeanty Inv Grp, 5/24, \$245,000
47 Tollgate Ln, Hausman, Sheldon S and Hausman, Christie A to Martin, Paul D and Martin, Alyssa A, 5/23, \$575,000
73 Harris Rd, Nuzzolillo, Joseph A to Novicky, Elijah and Bernard, Gina, 5/26, \$395,000
100 Rosewood Rd, Schiano, Kathleen to Dise, Joseph C and Dise, Molly H, 5/23, \$55,000
151 Arch Rd, Gurchin, Brent C to Gavilanes, Juan A, 5/24, \$430,000
250 Arch Rd, Clark, Jay R to Suter, William and Sinha, Shivani, 5/24, \$600,000
528 Lovely St, Dwyer, Kevin P and Dwyer, Denise G to Lemanski, Christopher and Lemanski, Jennifer, 5/23, \$455,000

BEACON FALLS

37 Fieldstone Ln, Eg Home LLC to Modrick, Stephen and Modrick, Barbara, 5/23, \$528,927
49 Twin Oak Trl, Eg Home LLC to Sternemann, Wayne G and Sternemann, Mary A, 5/26, \$347,620
159 Bethany Rd, Toto, Scott J to Mata, George D and Mata, Juanita P, 5/23, \$350,000
357 Rimmon Hill Rd, Hiscock, Willis to Fitzgerald Jr, Roy, 5/27, \$289,000

BERLIN

Orchard Rd, Bennerup, Pierre and Bennerup, Cheryl to Pistol Brook Hldg LLC, 5/25, \$115,000
40 Winding Meadow Rd, Paventi, Anthony J and Paventi, Christine L to Alsafari, Ali, 5/23, \$352,000
60 Kenwood St, Smith, Benjamin A and Smith, Elizabeth K to Gaulin, Sean L, 5/27, \$335,000
77 Old Brickyard Ln, Manafort Family LLC to Old Brickyard LLC, 5/26, \$2,100,000
95 S Ridge Ln Lot A202, Nozik, Scott J to Batters, Dean A, 5/24, \$290,000
95 S Ridge Ln Lot A101, Mills, Brittany M to Kanakamedala, Bhargav and Doddla, Meghana, 5/23, \$295,000
99 Old Brickyard Ln, Manafort Family LLC to Old Brickyard LLC, 5/26, \$2,100,000
319 New Britain Rd Lot 223, Lennahan, William and Lennahan, Deloris to Kowalczyk, David J, 5/24, \$162,500

BETHLE

4 Bristol Ter Lot 4, Zambrano, Javier A and Zambrano, Jose J to Kirby, Jillian P, 5/25, \$500,000
9 N Heartstone Dr, JNP Real Estate LLC to Leggio, Charles and Leggio, Karen, 5/23, \$550,000
23 Maple Row, Sanchez, Carolina G and Sanchez, Carolina R to Valenzuela, Danoll H, 5/24, \$400,000
85 Juniper Rd Lot 85, Bjelko, Kristina to Addonizio, Thomas S, 5/25, \$185,000
89 Putnam Park Rd, Picard, Dale and Picard, Lucille to Vazquez, Nixon R and Rodriguez, Hilda Y, 5/25, \$740,000
325 Copper Sq, Oltman, Scott D and Goodman, Rosanne M to Amaram, Santosh K and Amaram, Sukanya, 5/27, \$390,000

BETHLEHEM

Carmel Hill Rd, Markwalter, John to Turin LLC, 5/21, \$108,000
28 White Birch Ln, Rockwell, Mary A to Broderick, Jake, 5/27, \$340,000

BLOOMFIELD

Stella Gissas Englewo Ave, Abrams Yvonne Est and Smith, Mylyn to Tran, Mark and Tran, Arlena A, 5/23, \$250,000
1 Burr Rd, Burr Inv Group LLC to Osman, Flakes S and Osman, Wilhemina T, 5/23, \$350,000
5 Craigmore Rd, Dillon, Evelyn to Whyte, Dandra, 5/26, \$260,000
80 Englewood Ave, Abrams Yvonne Est and Smith, Mylyn to Tran, Mark and Tran, Arlena A, 5/23, \$250,000
220 Woodland Ave, Gilt Edge Realty LLC to Barrett, Vanique and Donalds, Stephen, 5/25, \$295,000

BOZRAH

231 Bozrah St, Thomas, Cynthia to Hebert, Aaron and Seutter, Jenna, 5/26, \$312,000

BRANFORD

Saw Mill Rd, Hull, Deborah L to Robertson, Patricia F, 5/20, \$50,000
Stony Creek Rd, Hull, Deborah L to Robertson, Patricia F, 5/20, \$50,000
6 Roby Ct, Kuziel, Barbara A and Ball, Kristin to Encarnacion, Samuel V, 5/23, \$425,000
6 Whiting Farm Rd, Stutzman, William J to First Class Prop LLC, 5/23, \$500,000
18 Forest St Ext, Whelpley, Gordon B to Kelly, Joseph K and Kelly, Lori, 5/24, \$485,000
24 Sundance Dr Lot 24, Ciarlante, John to Loftis, Ann S, 5/23, \$125,000
53-59 School Ground Rd, River Run LLC to 53-59 School Ground LLC, 5/24, \$320,000
170 Short Beach Rd, Decario, Richard P to Aviles, Dianibel, 5/23, \$275,000
181 Peddlars Dr Lot 181, Fiasconaro, Daniel L to Maloney, Philip and Maloney, Deborah, 5/24, \$247,000
181 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 181, Puziello, Daniella to DiGiacomo, David and Barcomb, Jason, 5/23, \$480,000
222 Greenswoods Rd Lot 222, Sittnick, Keith V and Greens Assn Inc to Papp, Vilmos, 5/20, \$200,000

BRIDGEPORT

Bartlett St, Lamour, Nadine to Lema, Cristina V, 5/20, \$460,000
Burroughs St, Tasci Properties LLC to BNM Builders&Dev LLC, 5/24, \$220,000
Smith St, Madodi LLC to 439 Newfield LLC, 5/20, \$445,000
29 Trumbull Ave, Hernandez, Rosa to Wilson, Destiny, 5/20, \$255,000
30 Renwick Pl, Ortiz, Sheila A to Santiago, Edith and James, Jahi, 5/19, \$340,000
35 Greystone Rd, Bisono, Pedro and Bisono, Miquelina P to Chambers, Nikela, 5/24, \$390,000

BRIDGEWATER

37 Canterbury Rd Lot 37, Canterbury Assoc LLC to Alagarate, Percy and Alagarate, Rosa M, 5/23, \$162,000
64 Jane St, Ruiz, Raul R to Romeus, Rolande and Romeus, Louis, 5/23, \$229,000
64 Slawson St, Santos, Arnaldo F to Morales, Julio, 5/24, \$370,000
66 Slawson St, Santos, Arnaldo F to Morales, Julio, 5/24, \$370,000
79 McKinley Ave, Faria, Avelino to 80 Taf Ave Assoc LLC, 5/23, \$51,532
80 Taft Ave Lot 2, Faria, Avelino to 80 Taf Ave Assoc LLC, 5/23, \$51,532
96 Ohio Ave, Kirkland, Sonia C and Alcaraz, Angelica to Davis, Laquaya S and Davis, Lisa M, 5/24, \$348,000
100 Stoehrs Pl, Lamour, Nadine to Lema, Cristina V, 5/20, \$460,000
102 Stoehrs Pl, Lamour, Nadine to Lema, Cristina V, 5/20, \$460,000
130 Poplar St, Kinlock, Linton to Naranjo, Jose G and Naranjo, Carmen S, 5/24, \$420,000
132 Poplar St, Kinlock, Linton to Naranjo, Jose G and Naranjo, Carmen S, 5/24, \$420,000
164 Fox St, Moreno, Carlos A and Moreno, Lauren N to Carrena, Luis, 5/23, \$335,000
166 Fox St, Moreno, Carlos A and Moreno, Lauren N to Carrena, Luis, 5/23, \$335,000
222 French St, Rodriguez, Jesus A to Kalemba, Kabeedi R and Kalemba, Mukenge-shayi G, 5/23, \$480,000
224 French St, Rodriguez, Jesus A to Kalemba, Kabeedi R and Kalemba, Mukenge-shayi G, 5/23, \$480,000
247 Scofield Ave, Seer Marhsall LLC to Kelly, Molly and Kelly, Tritty, 5/23, \$330,000
324 Lafayette St Lot 8304, Burdo, Brian to Araujo, Laurent, 5/23, \$125,000
439 Newfield Ave, Madodi LLC to 439 Newfield LLC, 5/20, \$445,000
445 Newfield Ave, Madodi LLC to 439 Newfield LLC, 5/20, \$445,000
619-625 E Main St, Tasci Properties LLC to BNM Builders&Dev LLC, 5/24, \$220,000
633 E Main St, Tasci Properties LLC to BNM Builders&Dev LLC, 5/24, \$220,000
1254-1256 Reservoir Ave, Holeyfield, Tysheena and Soto, Fidel to Pena, Guillermo, 5/20, \$440,000
1662 Boston Ave, Larregui, Daniells to 85-48 Owners Corp, 5/24, \$345,000
1666 Boston Ave, Larregui, Daniells to 85-48 Owners Corp, 5/24, \$345,000
3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 320, Judd, Taylor to London, Timothy J and London, Madeline C, 5/20, \$270,000

BRIDGEWATER

70 Lake Lillinnah Rd S, Ulivi, Corina B to Weinstein 2022 FT and Janower, Andrew, 5/26, \$2,250,000

BRISTOL

2 Lorenzo Pl, Ritter LT and Bugnacki, Charlene to Gomez-Perez, Christian R and Keo, Jeania B, 5/23, \$190,000
3 Ambler Rd, Browne, Jason A to Pelaty, Ismael, 5/25, \$250,000
23 Beacon St, Pannazzo, June M to Raymond, Justin and Raymond, Nicole, 5/23, \$150,000
33 Lincoln St, USA HUD to Cruz, Ariana D, 5/27, \$125,000
35 Bonnie Ct, Miluzzo, Bernard R and Miluzzo, Robert to LRRG Ops I LLC, 5/26, \$235,000
35 Delmar Dr, Mccain Sarah V Est and Mccain, David B to Daigle, Kirk and Blades, Amy, 5/23, \$300,000
41 Talmadge St, Formhals, Alicia C to Torres, Tre, 5/27, \$220,000
52 Fanway Ave, Griswold Beverly M Est and Allaire, Halley C to Nabi, Alim S, 5/24, \$173,000
58 Brookview Cir Lot 58, Fragola Enterprises LLC to Frank, Andrew, 5/26, \$342,800
68 Holley Rd, Gagnon, John J to Seibert, Steven and Seibert, Crystal, 5/25, \$325,000
75 Mechanic St, Walde, Susan to Lopez, Arnold and Cuevas, Linda, 5/25, \$218,000
155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 57, Messier, Neal D to Cammariere, Giuseppe and Cammariere, Anthony, 5/24, \$164,900
176 Ivy Dr, Cloutier, Edward E and Cloutier, Tracy L to Gjiddota, Anton, 5/23, \$290,000
185 Mark St, Zelanski, John E to Cleveland, Mason J and Talarico, Brianna, 5/26, \$300,000
257 Hart St, Dinneen, Dennis J to Savluk, Abigail and Savluk, Ethan, 5/26, \$385,000
331 King St, Holton Sr, Eric J to Longo, Anthony F, 5/26, \$243,000
1960 Perkins St, Led LLC to Damato, Anthony E, 5/26, \$360,000

BROOKFIELD

15 Orchard St, Mendonca, Jamie D and Mendonca, Paul G to Ochoa-Segovia, Marcia A and Espinoza-Enriquez, Marcos A, 5/24, \$385,000
33 Short Oak Dr Lot 33, Cirmin Development LLC to Odysses, Avraam and Odysses, Michelle, 5/26, \$425,000
52 Merwin Brook Rd, Henninger, Ernest P and Henninger, Victoria to Juan 3rd, Richard J and Juan, Felicia R, 5/24, \$640,000
152 N Lake Shore Dr, Kastelke, Phillip and Tallmer, Megan to Cobelli, Dinna A, 5/23, \$2,145,000
156 N Lake Shore Dr, Lutterbach, David G and Lutterbach, Bridget K to Bivona, Andrew and Byford, Stacey, 5/25, \$2,950,000

BROOKLYN

Mill Rd, WD Investments LLC to Bailey, James M and Bailey, Larissa R, 5/23, \$325,000
96 Proulx St, KCLS Group LLC to Kania, Kathleen, 5/23, \$260,000
98 Proulx St Lot B, KCLS Group LLC to Kania, Kathleen, 5/23, \$260,000
104 Fairgrounds Rd, WD Investments LLC to Bailey, James M and Bailey, Larissa R, 5/23, \$325,000
154 Barrett Hill Rd, Curtis, Bradford and Eiler, Kimberly to Arusso, Anthony J and Arusso, Jenel B, 5/24, \$250,000
183 Barrett Hill Rd, Burke, Beverly C and Rosenberg, Joel I to Christensen, Steven L and Christensen, Tia M, 5/23, \$785,000
225 Gorman Rd, Sandra F Brodeur RET and Brodeur, Lucien A to George, Austin and Green, Michaela, 5/26, \$50,500
670 Wauregan Rd, Cochefski, Stephen M to Rochester, Ann, 5/23, \$120,000
6 Circle Dr, Ruby, Julie C to Byrne, Nicholas and Pedemonti-Byrne, Desiree, 5/27, \$260,000
9 Fox Glenn Rd, Cornish, Thomas E and Cornish, Elizabeth K to Graff, Tanya and Graff Jr, Robert, 5/25, \$550,000
37 George Washington Tpke, Hill, Elizabeth L and Meyer, Bertie V to Sautner, Sandra, 5/25, \$350,000
61 Arch St, PCN Arch LLC to Frink, Nancy C, 5/27, \$300,000
102 Monce Rd, Francis Jr, Robert B to Crane, Jonathan B, 5/25, \$259,900
110 Monce Rd, Werle, Catherine to Recor, Donna J and Jones, Gina L, 5/25, \$315,000
152 Nelson Dr, Carrier Home Builders Inc to Giglietti, Michael V and Giglietti, Teresa R, 5/25, \$650,569

CANTERBURY

339 N Society Rd, Richards, Megan J to Faucher, Thomas J and Faucher, Cynthia L, 5/24, \$325,000

CANTON

12-A Freedom Dr, Richardson, Thomas A to Horrax, Sarah J, 5/24, \$330,000
13 Buttonwood Hill Rd, Chellgren, David W and Chellgren, Lorene R to Harden, Christopher D and Harden, Jacquelyn M, 5/25, \$360,000
50 E Hill Rd Lot 81, Boorjian, John D to Patel, Pranav and Patel, Shruti, 5/26, \$132,500

CHAPLIN

775 Phoenixville Rd, Cicarelli, Dakota R to Irza, Joslyn, 5/24, \$235,000

CHESHIRE

9 Pleasant Dr, Beaty, Lucinda to Jonathan Carol LLC, 5/24, \$375,000
13 Balsam Pl Lot 5, Clearview McKinley Ests

to Wales, Michele M, 5/25, \$679,900

35 Glen Ct, K83 Realty LLC to Loehmann, Elsa, 5/27, \$405,000
37 Wolf Hill Ct, Giosa, Richard and Giosa, Lanelle to Frost, Jonathan D and Frost, Meghan W, 5/23, \$690,000
40 Birch Dr, Hamel, Eileen S to Seneco, Samantha G, 5/24, \$270,000
43 Chantil Cir, Vaillancourt Jr, Howard to Cree, Calvin C and Cree, Carla, 5/27, \$345,000
411 W Main St, Robichaud, Joseph E to Albert, Katherine and Albert, Benjamin, 5/27, \$415,000
498 Oak Ave Lot 28, Robbins, Gavin L to Deangelis, Stacey and Deangelis, Christian, 5/27, \$100,000
563 Redstone Dr, George Jr, Donald M to Edwards, Colin P and Brown, Katie M, 5/26, \$600,000
667 Reservoir Rd, Peruti, Joseph J and Peruti, Susan M to Elliot, Jayson and Ko, Hanae, 5/27, \$605,000
747 W Main St Lot I, Argo, Frances E to Vohra, Mohseen and Vohra, Nilofarben M, 5/26, \$277,000
777 Allen Ave, Eid, Daniel J and Eid, Katelynne K to Smith, Erika R and Smith, Dustin J, 5/26, \$727,777
777 E Johnson Ave, Marschner, Kurt and Marschner, Ingrid to Pollard, Kyle J and Stratigis, Lonisa, 5/25, \$650,500
1725 Marion Rd, Demonte, Joseph and Demonte, Deborah L to Romano, Peter D and Turci, Hannah L, 5/27, \$610,000

CHESTER

126 Middlesex Ave, Beebe, Richard H and Beebe, Beth R to Meade, Gary and Meade, Jeanne, 5/23, \$360,000

CLINTON

23 Rocky Ledge Dr, Young, Denis P to Palomeque, Daniel E, 5/26, \$320,000

COLCHESTER

28 Shadush Dr, Cion, Harry C and Dascano, Eileen M to Raitt, Stephen D and Raitt, Natalie A, 5/24, \$405,000
88 Fernwood Dr, Forristall, James H and Forristall, Linda V to Bissonnette, Paul, 5/24, \$408,000
248 Cabin Rd, Evans, Thomas R and Wagner, Raymond C to Bennett, Joel, 5/25, \$300,000
283 Usher Swamp Rd, Priolo, Anthony J and Priolo, Michelle L to Frasier, Lucas R and Frasier, Katherine, 5/23, \$565,000
398 Cabin Rd, Salafia, Stephen and Salafia, Roberta to Pavlinko Jr, Mark, 5/27, \$300,000

COLUMBIA

11 Samuel Hill Rd, Grzych, David H and Grzych, Bobbi L to Mcnamara, Kimberly, 5/23, \$460,000

CORNWALL

Everest Hill Rd, JP Morgan Chase Bank NA to Booth, Lynn and Booth, Frank, 5/25, \$50,000

COVENTRY

Shroyer Standish Rd, Vonhirschberg, Athene to 7 Gables LLC, 5/20, \$227,000
307 Sam Green Rd, Vert, Jordan D to Tworek, Shawn, 5/27, \$325,000
396 Main St, Ledoyt, H Edwin to Messier, Catherine, 5/20, \$245,000
567 Old Tolland Tpke, Platz, Donald and Mccarthy-Platz, Deborah C to Jacques, David and Jacques, Barbara, 5/25, \$700,000
695 Stonehouse Rd, Cote, Curtis R to Saucier, Zachary L and Gould, Emily A, 5/23, \$330,000

CROMWELL

98 Woodland Rd Lot 98, Danc LLC to Laby, Daniel M, 5/23, \$160,000

DANBURY

1 Stark Tor, Jacob, George and George, Mercy to Parnell, Kevin, 5/23, \$420,000
11 Dartmouth Ln, Hutter, John A and Hutter, Karen L to Mcmahon, Michael G, 5/23, \$375,000
12 Myrtle Ave, Skidmore, Gretchen to Churchi, Manuel F and Paez, Maria E, 5/23, \$399,500
17 Putnam Ln Lot 17, Palmer, Elizabeth J to Lee, Wongi and Lee, Haeyoung, 5/23, \$550,000
32 Valley Stream Dr, Domroes Werner Est and Totocsik, Jutta to Antman, Esteban, 5/23, \$230,000
34 Patriot Dr Lot B4, Lopes, Aideivar S to Figueiredo, Adriano, 5/23, \$110,500
39 Woodcrest Ln Lot 39, Singhal, Prahalad and Singhal, Meenu to Yedynak, Roman and Yedynak, Anastasia, 5/23, \$375,000
50 Tucker St Lot 50, Pravez, Mark J and Pravez, Carol M to Ciervo, Regina, 5/23, \$575,000
72 Town Hill Ave, Herschlag, Herbert and Herschlag, Robert to Barcagel, Anibal and Barcagel, Giovanni, 5/23, \$555,000

DARIEN

N/A, Saunders, David to Riccardi, Michael and Riccardi, Tracey, 5/19, \$3,600,000
1 Baywater Dr, Murphy, Bryan P and Murphy, Sara L to Number 1 Baywater Dr LLC and Lawrence, Houlihan, 5/19, \$5,350,000
10 Pondfield Ln, Ice, Barton G and Ice, Deborah A to Crowswell, Jennifer, 5/19, \$1,800,000
15 Bittersweet Ln, Scholtz, Christine J and Scholtz, Peter D to Gieskes, Joost J and Gieskes, Meredith, 5/23, \$2,662,000
373 Middlesex Rd, Koontz 2nd, C Lennis and Koontz, Rose M to Carter, Taylor, 5/19, \$1,577,500

DEEP RIVER

79 River St, Zobel, Fred G to Romine, David S and Testa, Melanie L, 5/23, \$220,000
113 Union St, Goodspeed Opera House Fnd to Alsop, Kathleen, 5/26, \$166,000

DERBY

Beau Vue Hts Lot 616, Katevatis, Manos to Bes, Michal, 5/24, \$200,000
2 East Ct Lot 2, Supp Robert A Est and Dandrea, Linda A to Steigler, Christopher R, 5/27, \$232,000
10 Hawthorne Ave Lot 2, Nguyen, Yen H to Poosala, Anvesh B, 5/25, \$140,000
45-47 Spring St, Mauri, Louis G and Mauri, Marcia J to Gutierrez, Ronald and Gutierrez, Paulina, 5/27, \$248,000
71 David Humphrey Rd, Harriss, Jennifer L to Sollami, Louis, 5/23, \$300,000
73 W 4th Ct, Capece Sr, Antonio to St Bari Cap New Hvn I LLC, 5/26, \$167,500
79 Smith St, Lajeunesse, Maria B and Bellone Jr, Mario to Andrade, Abilio and Andrade, Alcina, 5/25, \$220,000
233 Derby Ave Lot 616, Katevatis, Manos to Bes, Michal, 5/24, \$200,000
616 Beau View Hts, Katevatis, Manos to Bes, Michal, 5/24, \$200,000

DURHAM

289-R Blue Hills Rd, Spier, Michael S and Weigle-Spier, Candice L to Saravila, Jonathan and Cooper, Aja B, 5/23, \$405,000

EAST GRANBY

6 Broken Arrow Dr, Feeney, John to Holm, Jeremiah and Vancour, Holm L, 5/23, \$325,000

EAST HADDAM

Certain Rd, R&M Realty LLC to Prosperous Holdings LLC, 5/23, \$62,500
26 Knoll Rd, R&M Realty LLC to Prosperous Holdings LLC, 5/23, \$62,500

33 Birch Rd, Larson, Joshua R to Schick, Tony, 5/27, \$234,500
47 Ridgewood Rd, Mcconnell, Thomas J and Mcconnell, Roberta to F&Allyson Pipolo T and Pipolo, Frank R, 5/23, \$140,000
90 Smith Rd, Jorgensen, Beverly L to Violette, Kristen, 5/26, \$270,000

344 Mount Panmass Rd, Quinn Kathleen L Est and Quinn, Ryan to Murdoch, James, 5/27, \$350,000

409 Tater Hill Rd, Faul Rebecca M Es and Messick, Daphne J to Elfstrom, Bruce, 5/23, \$415,000

EAST HAMPTON

Edgewater Cir, Edgewater Homes I LLC and Edgewater Properties LLC to Toledo, Mark A and Salazar, Ricardo J, 5/23, \$528,000

2 Lena Ln, Jordan, Roland and Jordan, Karen G to Hill, Joshua L and Hill, Nicole, 5/27, \$427,000

11 West St, Bellom, Elizabeth R to Zmoos-Colangelo, Linda and Colangelo, Dana, 5/27, \$234,900
29 N Main St, TCS33 LLC to CN North Main Street LLC, 5/23, \$200,000
29 Tarragon Dr, Civitelli, Stephen A and Civitelli, Stephen to Moreau, Tyler J and West, Amy M, 5/23, \$361,400
74 Hog Hill Rd, Hinds, Brandon M and Hinds, Chelsea to Butler, Drew and Letkiewicz, Chelsea, 5/27, \$367,000
131 N Main St, Goodspeed, Scott to CN North Main Street LLC, 5/23, \$220,000

EAST HARTFORD

Burnside Ave Lot A7, Goulet, Steven to R&Q LLC, 5/24, \$150,000
15 Lantham Ln, Schadtler, Benjamin to Vecchiarino, Claudio, 5/24, \$125,000
32 Suffolk Dr, Litz Sr, Timothy A to Juarez, Fredy M, 5/26, \$200,000
39-41 Silver Ln, Nguyen, Hung to Plasencia, Marco and Plasencia, Patricia, 5/25, \$235,000
49 Saunders St Lot 49, Johnson Gerald Est and Ozimek, Arthur J to Henson, Richard, 5/27, \$70,000
55 Sunset Ridge Dr, Finan, Mark to Lamourt, Jennifer and Roman, Jennah, 5/26, \$265,000
77 Birchwood Rd, Patterson, Glenroy to Harriel, Cristian J and Harriel, Nicholas C, 5/25, \$375,000
48 Ellington Rd, Torres, Stephanie to Alam, Abu Z and Alam, Abu A, 5/23, \$180,000
87 Chessiee Rd, Jablonski Gloria J Est and Jablonski, Gloria J to Mcdormott, Kelly M, 5/24, \$245,000
93 Broad St, Alvarado, Daniel to DJJ CT Properties LLC, 5/25, \$300,000
105 Farmstead Rd, Hooks, Iris to Bernhardt, Carl and Bernhardt, Merrilee, 5/26, \$270,000
121 Cipolla Dr, Delmastro, Daniel J to Sargalski, Andrew and Sargalski, Jessica, 5/23, \$259,000
371 Prospect St, 4W Deep LLC to Mcmahon, Jean, 5/23, \$235,000
439 Oconnell Dr, Pizarro, Enid V to Jackson, Ebony S, 5/26, \$285,000
972 Tolland St, 972 Tolland St Complex As to Asylum Properties LLC, 5/25, \$129,000

EAST HAVEN

Main St, F C Russo Family LLC to Clay St LLC, 5/26, \$165,000
23 Birch Ln Lot C, Chen, Daniel H and Liu, Brenda to Cohen Jr, Dietrich, 5/23, \$135,000
29 Iver Ave, Sinclair, Joyce to Stewart, Susan G and Stewart, Owen J, 5/25, \$292,500
40 Caroline Rd, Schioppo Mary Est and Daddio, Joy M to Havens, Brian, 5/27, \$700,000
57 Burr St, Mary L Proaccini FT and Proaccini, Lisa M to Cedillo, Joseline, 5/24, \$250,000
75 Redwood Dr Lot 207, Kalkreuth, Brian to Florea, Michele A, 5/23, \$205,000
75 Redwood Dr Lot 201, Porti, Tina to DeFrancisco, Laura, 5/23, \$200,000
101 High St, Portilla, Hernan V to Demicazk, Michael J, 5/24, \$377,000
139 Main St, F C Russo Family LLC to Russo 3rd, Ferdinand J, 5/26, \$60,000
173 Russo Ave Lot 107, Mauri, Danielle to Gonzalez, Glenda and Torres, Esther, 5/24, \$170,000

EAST LYME

Beechwood Rd, Said, Marianna to Frederick, Alex W, 5/23, \$140,000
CT Route 161, Flanders Rd Partners LLC to Connecticut State Of, 5/25, \$13,400
N/A, Hensch, Patrick B to Wesch, John R and Wesch, Katherine L, 5/27, \$169,900
4 Kaatskill Pl Lot 4, Pazz&Construction LLC to Valentin, Marjorie R, 5/27, \$541,000
4 Van Winkle Way Lot 4, Mitchell, George P and Mitchell, Emily L to Pazz&Construction LLC, 5/27, \$75,000
5 Arbor Xing, East Lyme Dev Inc to Lee, Sangyoon and Lee, Jungmin, 5/26, \$743,717
7 Whiting Farms Ln Lot 7, Stephen L Massad T and Desalvo, Ramona E to Farina, James and Farina, Monica, 5/20, \$302,50

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Town Of to JVB LLC, 5/26, \$525,000
247-249 Jefferson St, HSBC Bank USA NA to Nunez, Fabio, 5/24, \$187,000

HARWINTON

710 Plymouth Rd, Debosschop, Mark J and Debisschop, Deborah to Decarolis, Justin K and Decarolis, Sarah E, 5/26, \$650,000

HEBRON

202 Millstream Rd, Piazza, Thomas R to Clark, Elizabeth and Rirdan, Dustin, 5/25, \$350,000

KILLINGLY

5 King St, Toutant, Roland to Zira, Jessica D, 5/26, \$275,000
17 Oriole Dr Lot 17, Armitage Dana Est and Stonge, William H to Beaudoin, Anita, 5/26, \$300,000
33 Dog Hill Rd, Auclair, Adam T to Engel, James, 5/23, \$246,500

KILLINGWORTH

N/A, Boone 3rd, Herbert A to Pony Up Properties LLC, 5/27, \$925,000

LEBANON

Lake Williams Campground Lot 3, Hier, Randall W and Hier, Linda B to Winn, Gary, 5/26, \$30,000
203 Leonard Bridge Rd, Proulx, Kathryn E to Merasco, Brianna N and Merasco, Thomas D, 5/27, \$240,000
504 Beaumont Hwy, Montgomery, Michael D and Montgomery, Cheryl A to Gullakson, Tanner, 5/27, \$465,000

LEDYARD

2 Palmer Dr, Reed, Christopher D and Reed, Jennifer to Doupe, Jack and Doupe, Lindsay, 5/26, \$332,500
3 Blackwatch Ln, Jarrett, Colin D and Jarrett, Trisha R to Gregory, Brandon T and Gregory, Lauren M, 5/26, \$275,000
8 Deer Ln, Sinnett, Joseph C and Sinnett, Katharine E to Augustus, Edward and Augustus, Jonie, 5/23, \$390,000

LITCHFIELD

N/A, Evelyn A Barredo LT and Alfano, Linda to E&E Enterprises LLC, 5/27, \$190,000
54 Thomaston Rd, Evelyn A Barredo LT and Alfano, Linda to E&E Enterprises LLC, 5/27, \$190,000

210 Blue Swamp Rd, Moore, Linda A to Jaworski, Renee and Melvin, Mark, 5/27, \$5,000

LYME

16 Birch Hill Rd, Dominy, Richard to Filippi, Cristan B and Domagala, Keith L, 5/11, \$555,000
108 Norwich Salem Rd, Murff, Trish and Vining, Susannah to Pensiero, Kerrie, 5/20, \$600,000
139 Hamburg Rd, Pugliese, Matthew R to Crater, Douglas E and Crater, Susan B, 5/16, \$812,000

MADISON

Horsepond Ln, Horsepond Estates LLC to Laturnau FT and Laturnau, Herman P, 5/24, \$818,830
4 Sheffield Ln, Volence, Ryan J and Volence, Molly A to Manzo, Roberto and Manzo, Laura, 5/25, \$630,000
31 Woodland Rd, StJacques Patricia A Est and Hanley, Lora J to Samaniego-Cardenas, Luis A and Ortiz-Mendoza, Mary P, 5/27, \$330,000
67 New Rd, Becker, Richard V to Spaz Property LLC and CT Assets 2 LLC, 5/26, \$250,000
89 Fairview Dr, Novitsky, Pamela S to Heggarty, Dominic A, 5/24, \$415,000
97-C Middle Beach Rd, Stevens, Richard C and Stevens, Jacqueline to Gregory, Patric and Gregory, Patricia, 5/25, \$870,000
108 Robin Ridge Dr, Gyllenstein Jr, Nils G and Gyllenstein, Sharon L to Costello, Michael and Costello, Chelsea, 5/26, \$465,000
131 Middle Beach Rd, Humphrey, David D and Humphrey, Benjamin H to Bailey, Elizabeth, 5/25, \$1,300,000

MANCHESTER

Route 83, CT Southern Railroad Inc to Hart, Ryan, 5/24, \$1,381,350
8 Glenwood St, Reale Jr, Daniel F and Reale, Michele J to Galvin, Aidan A, 5/27, \$270,000
10 Ansaldi Rd, Brusek Lillian Est and Tunila, John G to Perez, Brenda L, 5/23, \$250,000
12 Ambassador Dr Lot C, Nolan, Gary to Zeichner, Dean A, 5/23, \$170,000
20 Bank St, High Maintenance Hdg LLC to Blair, Tahiri, 5/27, \$375,000
20 Fairfield St, Johnston, Deborah T and Johnston, Thomas C to KDR Capital LLC, 5/25, \$385,000
23 Tracy Dr, Moore William C Jr Est and Teller, Adam J to Guivas, Emily and Walters, Tony, 5/27, \$210,000
31 Brookfield St, Kelle, Bradley to Yaw, Erica A and Yaw, Winfield S, 5/23, \$270,000
36 Grove St Lot F, Conderino, James to Martina, Luis and Martina, Beverly, 5/25, \$137,000
45 Lyness St, Wilson Jr, Floyd to SPN Prop Solutions LLC, 5/25, \$175,000
50 Turnbull Rd, Buczek, Joshua to Hodg-es-Guerra, Allie, 5/26, \$260,000
56 Kensington St, Northeast Family FCU and Gendreau, Kelly to Hamilton, Diana C, 5/27, \$130,000
56 Phelps Rd, Mann, Thomas A and Mann, Nancy W to Lewis, Robert and Lewis, Michelle, 5/25, \$250,000
58 Bretton Rd, Aguilera, Saul and Dilone, Amarilis M to Corona, Roberto and Deco-rana, Maribel D, 5/20, \$182,000
65 Congress St, Martin, Alexis to Douglas, Quano, 5/26, \$311,000
81 Union St, Maxwell, Gary B and Maxwell, Aurelia to Rodriguez, Rigoberto V, 5/23, \$259,500
117 Avery St, 117 Avery Street LLC and Pfaffenbichler, William F to Gibbs, Megan, 5/27, \$179,900
119 Brent Rd, Waheed, Nabil to Caesar, Keane and Hall, Alston, 5/26, \$309,900
141 Hamilton Dr, Sanchez, Eddie to Lukas, Jeffrey and Lukas, Aimee, 5/27, \$305,000
628 Middle Tpke W, Betz, Susan to Mckay, Gavin, 5/26, \$240,000
680 Spring St, Boutot, Barbara J to McCabe, Kerry and McCabe, Patrick, 5/27, \$765,000

MANSFIELD

Pleasant Valley Rd, Nikitas, Linnea J and Larson, Eric C to Burnett, Frank, 5/24, \$100,200
18 Liberty Dr Lot 18, Knight, Allison S and Knight, Andrew B to Wu, Rui, 5/26, \$309,000
41-A Crystal Ln Lot 31, BCD Realty LLC to Clark, Kyle, 5/20, \$600,000
58 Crystal Ln Lot B, Pesavento Jr, Bruno J and Pesavento, Danielle to Clark, Kyle, 5/20, \$200,000
60-A Crystal Ln, 20, Pesavento Jr, Bruno J to Clark, Kyle, 5/20, \$175,000
64 Independence Dr Lot 64, Luby, Patrick and Escoto, Carlos to Joelen J Gates T and Gates, Joelen J, 5/23, \$277,000
64-A Crystal Ln Lot 23, BCD Realty LLC to Clark, Kyle, 5/20, \$600,000
64-C Crystal Ln Lot 25, BCD Realty LLC to Clark, Kyle, 5/20, \$600,000
75 Crane Hill Rd, Bailey Jr, George L to Archambault, Tiffany P and Fluet, Alexander R, 5/26, \$325,000
75 Puddin Ln, Syharat, Souki and Mosher, Keith R to Pomerantz, Jacob and Pomerantz, Bethany, 5/25, \$384,500
146 S Eagleville Rd, 146 S Eagleville LLC to Schneidmeyer, Matthew, 5/23, \$283,500
275 Browns Rd, Skowronski, Shane R to Muszynski, Jonathan and Meisterling, Sarah H, 5/23, \$880,000
451 Storrs Rd, Shortell, John to Mortensen, Elizabeth, 5/23, \$440,000

MARLBOROUGH

36 Farview Run, Klein, Frederic L and Klein, Susan E to Kopp, Daniel L and Kopp, Shan-non N, 5/27, \$825,000
162 S Main St, Robert C Leach Jr T and Leach Jr, Robert C to Bratz, Anthony M and Bratz, Briana L, 5/23, \$345,000

MERIDEN

Carriage Dr, Pilgrim, Peter to Valaouras, Tina, 5/27, \$100,000
15 Jodi Dr, Ocilar, Michael J to Vargas, Amable, 5/23, \$261,015
16-R Orient St, Soli, Tony to Caranetta 3rd, Joseph F, 5/27, \$104,000
21 Eddy Ave, Mastriano, Matthew to Land-mark Realty Group LLC, 5/24, \$280,000
45 North St, Robles, Wilson to Delarosa, Ernesto, 5/26, \$193,700
50 Woodland Rdg, Lohr, Sabina to Johnson, Joseph, 5/27, \$183,000
53 Fair St, Laquerre, Stacy to Diaz-Soto, Fernando A, 5/24, \$305,000
54 North Ave, NH Properties 1 LLC to Herrera, Lidia P, 5/23, \$260,000
74 S 3rd St, Bailey, Yvonne to Vejseili, Verdi, 5/26, \$320,000
84 Hillcrest Ter, Turley, Martha L to Reid, Monique and Miles, Mayon, 5/23, \$300,000
84 Webster St, Perch Rock Management LLC to Sloat, Adam R, 5/25, \$187,000
92 Grove St, 125 Bridge St LLC to Moreno, Ana C, 5/23, \$190,000
118 Metacomet Dr Lot 118, Scott, David A and Scott, Donna V to Ocilar, Michael, 5/25, \$279,900
134 Fowler Ave Ext, Beaudoin, James to Soto, Mariliz, 5/24, \$352,500
137 Cottage St, Webster, Kelly J to Muham-mad, Nadirah, 5/24, \$300,000
166 Tumblebrook Rd, Ramos, Mercedes M to Lewis, Steven and Lewis, Latasha, 5/26, \$240,000
174 Dogwood Ln, Bauer, Jane R to Carri-on-Crillo, Luis A, 5/24, \$256,000
179 Miller Ave, 179 Miller Avenue LLC to George Jr, Donald M, 5/27, \$339,000
185 Preston Dr, Landrette, Sean F and Landrette, Beth E to Aziz, Tania and Jamie-son, Christopher M, 5/24, \$370,000
200 Stoneycrest Dr, Pecoraro, Christopher R to Marganski, Karen and Hall, Allan, 5/27, \$270,000
226 Carriage Dr E, Why Buy New Motor-sports to Nishioka, Kevin A and Nishioka, Shannon L, 5/27, \$425,000
263 Spring St, Carroll, Ashley R to Perez, Victor, 5/27, \$195,000
560 Yale Ave Lot 55, Nevers, Charlie J to Tankard, Lilly Y and Tankard, Early, 5/27, \$158,000
815 Blackstone Vlg Lot 815, Bhinde Family LLC to George, Tracy, 5/27, \$110,000

MIDDLEBURY

176 Ridgewood Dr Lot 176, Toll CT 2 LP to Zgragden, Janice S and Zgragden, Robert J, 5/26, \$524,483
193 Ridgewood Dr Lot 193, Toll CT 2 LP to Dugan, Ryan K and Dugan, Jennifer M, 5/27, \$612,995

MIDDLEFIELD

43 Garden Hill Rd, Dinoa, Jesse and Dinoa, Laura K to Copeland, James and Copeland, Jacqueline A, 5/24, \$310,000
157 Baileyville Rd, Schmidt, Jeanne D and Schmidt, Richard to Nazario, Jerry, 5/25, \$400,000

MIDDLETOWN

1 Jackson St, Mid Town Tire&Supply to 1 Jackson Street LLC, 5/27, \$500,000
15 Forest Glen Cir Lot 2, Youngberg, Todd D to Pechout, Deborah, 5/20, \$177,000
21 Conner Dr, Carlson, Benjamin E and Carlson, Jennifer L to Hassan, Mahedi, 5/27, \$352,000
38 Ward St, S&G Holdings LLC to Ward Ventures LLC, 5/25, \$2,000,000
49 Orchard Hill Ln, Owsianik Jr, John to Daniel, Howard A and Daniel, Tina M, 5/27, \$460,000
492 Cynthia Ln Lot C1, Pitruzzello, Daniel N to Guditais, Donna, 5/24, \$160,000
109 Webster Ln Lot 2-52, Ameritage Const Corp to Johnson, Gary M and Johnson, Joan D, 5/26, \$472,204
111 Dekoven Dr Lot 508, Dutil, Stephen J to Muscio, Debra A, 5/25, \$137,500
113 Webster Ln Lot 2-50, Ameritage Const Corp to Fox, Marilyn M, 5/20, \$513,819
114 Orchard Hill Ln, Harrison, Andrew and Harrison, Cynthia J to Segarra, Martinez M, 5/27, \$460,000
247 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 247, Davis, Kimberly to Wendt, Audrey A, 5/27, \$157,000
261 Mile Ln, Ohara, Susan N to Brennan, Cara A and Brennan, James M, 5/23, \$195,000
297 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 297, Szilagyi, Jillian to Evans, Erica M, 5/24, \$109,500
298 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 298, Green Hill Capital 2 LLC to Yanowicz, Jared, 5/23, \$115,000
427 Ballfall Rd, Benaca, Berwethe to Prchal, Ann M, 5/19, \$228,000
941 Saybrook Rd Lot 2B, Trilacon Autumn Mdns LLC to Nivison, Laurie, 5/26, \$314,900

MONROE

Hattertown Rd, Silvestro, Lawrence J and Ilima, Ekaterina to Turkett, Benjamin and Tirkett, Shannon, 5/26, \$705,000
3 Sherwood Pl, Wadolkowski, Slawomir and Wadolkowski, Krystyna to Oliveira, Nikolas and Oliveira, Theresa, 5/26, \$412,609
26 Arbor Rd, Bisesi, Jo A to Antonio, Alejan-dro and Antonio, Maria, 5/23, \$410,000
36 Boot Shop Ln, Provenzano Jr, John D to Kvaka, Christopher J and Kvaka, Jessica L, 5/26, \$550,000
44 Oakmont Trl, Paraskevas, Nicos to Armas, Alana and Armas, Arturo, 5/23, \$624,900

MONTVILLE

Birchwood Commons Condo Lot B8, Watkins, David C to Fusaro, Angelo, 5/23, \$185,000
9 Chase Oaks Ct Lot 7, Carlson, Donna J to Reyna, Victor R, 5/26, \$310,000
12 Elton Ct, Fecteau, Michael D to Hines, Matthew and Martin, Vanessa, 5/26, \$465,000
14 Holly Hill Dr, Chan, Chi L to Xu, Miaofang, 5/24, \$195,000
32 Rene Dr, Toolan, Adam M and Toolan, Brooke C to Bolster, Kaating, 5/23, \$305,000
36 Meadow Ln, Huang, Ormer and Liu, Hui F to Teixeira, Fausto J and Teixeira, Katherine M, 5/24, \$265,000
40 Porach Rd, Kenyon, Darren A and Kenyon, Kristen E to Fililion, Joshua T and Fililion, Jordin L, 5/24, \$280,000
95 Woodland Dr Lot D, Xu, Miao F to Cheung, Mo C, 5/24, \$120,000
70 Gay Hill Rd, Besade Cynthia Est and Besade, Carol A to Spakowski, Paul E and Spakowski, Lorraine, 5/26, \$165,000

NAUGATUCK

11 W Hill Ter, Halkovic, Alexander and Halkovic, Merianne to Alves, Bernardo A and Alves, Jasmine M, 5/23, \$280,000
37 Lantern Park Dr Lot 5, Okeefe, Patricia A and Cholocak, Dana to Miner, Matthew and Miner, Kathleen, 5/26, \$122,000
39 Horton Hill Rd Lot 34, Gonzalez, Jonathan to Jefferson, Theresa, 5/24, \$143,000
41 Ridge Rd Lot 2, Valentino Sr, Charles to Mcooty, Kadia, 5/24, \$134,000
111 Wooster St Lot 7C, Fleischmann Nancy Est and Olshan, Brian to Stankyn, Timothy P, 5/24, \$133,000
299 Evening Star Dr, Soares, Paulo and Soares, Zole M to Rivera, Blanca N and Milan, Carlos, 5/26, \$350,000
461 Spring St Lot 30, Lamb, Kim to Meade, Tiffany A, 5/24, \$150,000
1271 New Haven Rd, Stowers, Robert to Pizarro, Jackalyn, 5/26, \$295,000

NEW BRITAIN

10 Odonnell Rd, Ali, Babar to Cunningham, Maribarbara C, 5/24, \$250,000
23 Queen St, Krawczyk, Beata and Kraw-czyk, Jerzy to Deniro, Jahmal A and Haugh-ton-Denny, Tanisha M, 5/25, \$360,000
66 Pinehurst Ave, Garcia, Pedro to Beetham, Sonya and Sidavong, Christopher, 5/20, \$250,000
67 Roosevelt St Lot 67, Ebrahimi, Mariam to Bracero Jr, Santos G, 5/24, \$150,000
89 Kelsey St, Figueroa, Angel O and Rodri-guez, Marta I to Gutierrez-Martinez, Andres, 5/24, \$340,000

120 Production Ct, RFF Realty LLC and Forgi-

one, Jerry R to 120 Production CT Binyan, 5/20, \$1,350,000
164 Curtis St, Sternal, Teresa and Martino, Christine to Made Capital LLC, 5/24, \$160,000
164 Mansfield Ave, Rolon, Martha A and Rolon, Luis R to Zarcone, Denise and Aceve-do-Cora, Jose J, 5/23, \$205,000
189 Chestnut St, 189 Chestnut Street LLC to Alpha Acquisitions LLC, 5/24, \$560,000
228 Washington St, Ied Properties LLC to Buraimoh, Morenikeji A and Buraimoh, Ernesto, 5/26, \$193,700
242 Country Club Rd, Ramirez, Braxten R and Ramirez, Alexa C to Peterson, Brian J and De La-Cruz, Rogelio, 5/24, \$210,000
269 Steele St, Larosa Marilyn A Est and Larosa, Paul to Kheuanesomboth, Somsack, 5/25, \$312,000
396 W Main St, Radinieri, Paul and Radie-ri, Sandra L to Maisonet, Carmen and Maldonado, Manuel, 5/25, \$295,000
411 Myrtle St, Iglesias Sion Pentecostal to Lantigua, Milton, 5/24, \$181,000
1239 East St Lot C2, Dzielicz, William to Jashnicka Properties LLC, 5/20, \$75,000

NEW CANAAN

5 High View Ter, Curto, Gary J and Curto, Lori S to Carrierio, Michael S and Carrierio, Kristi G, 5/16, \$962,000
7 Wahackme Ln, Fisch Jr, Joseph J and Fisch, Gayle L to Morgan, Christopher R and Garruto-Morgan, Kimberly, 5/9, \$3,200,000
16 High View Ter, Tucker, Michael and Tucker, Stephanie to Zara, Tyler M and Zara, Lindsay B, 5/16, \$2,150,000
26 Gower Rd, Milligan, Jason D to Rham-Pottharst, Ellen and Pottharst, Robert C, 5/17, \$2,275,000
49 Church St, McCaughey, Susan I to Demir-jian, James, 5/13, \$910,000
115 Richmond Hill Rd, Pugliese Jr, John M and Pugliese, Karen O to Mandler, David and Ashforth, Megan, 5/18, \$1,310,000
179 Park St Lot 12, Mathis, Kenneth A and Jex, Kay P to Borden, Sara, 5/12, \$975,000
182 Long Lots Rd, Alan C Fuller GST FT and Ann Badger Fuller RT to Brunt, Daniel E and Dettling, Dana M, 5/13, \$1,555,000
250 Rosebrook Rd, 107 Rosebrook Road LLC to Rosenberg, Beth J and Leszkiewicz, Daniel N, 5/17, \$1,275,000
272 Putnam Rd, Murphy, Jason P and Murphy, Marione E to Bardollard, Kyle and Sanchez, Victoria, 5/17, \$1,750,000
312 Elm St Lot 29, Auda, Elizabeth M and Auda, Kathleen M to Mallozzi, Dana, 5/13, \$1,100,000
351 Jelliff Mill Rd, McDonnell, Neil M and Knott-McDonnell, Kenda to Scholtz, Lee K and Scholtz, Laura C, 5/12, \$1,751,000
493 Valley Rd, Elliott, Bentley and Elliott, Troy to Holland Jr, Michael F and Alarcon, Lauren, 5/12, \$1,200,000
562 Canoe Hill Rd, Mooney, John to Lydon, Kevin, 5/18, \$1,050,000
990 Silvermead Rd, Spier, Ian S and Spier, Diana R to Decintio, Michael and Shockley, Marisa, 5/17, \$2,200,000

NEW FAIRFIELD

4 Mill Pond Rd, Anderson, K Kurt and Ander-son, Karyne H to Donovan, Kathleen and Donovan, Patrick, 5/26, \$822,000
5 Pleasant View Rd, Pannizio, Peter P to Leuschner, Couri and Leuschner, Fernanda F, 5/23, \$315,000
8 Birch Dr, Knize, Frederick M to Lycke, Edward H, 5/25, \$159,000
8 Manning St, Conklin, John E and Santelmo, Brittany R to Vonhelms, Julia and Vonhelms, Frederick, 5/25, \$430,000
251 Ball Pond Rd, M E Jr &Deorah A John LT and Mangini Jr, John E to Sullivan, Peter and Sullivan, Coleen, 5/23, \$712,000

NEW HARTFORD

Lair Rd, Tavano, John and Tavano, Ashley to Howe, Richard and Howe, Deborah, 5/23, \$540,000
57 Little Brook Rd, Ferrari, Rachel to Preece, Melissa C, 5/24, \$320,000
70 Marstan Trl, Compton, Craig S and Travis-Compton, Diana K to Ross, Robert F and Morrissey-Ross, Mary, 5/23, \$395,000
75 Shafer Rd, Cyr, Laurier J and Cyr, Nancy M to Blazys, Mary, 5/26, \$300,000
195-A Main St, Mictan Properties LLC to MBR Hldg New Hartford LLC, 5/23, \$225,000

NEW HAVEN

9 Saint Ronan Ter, Maloy, Kevin J to Powers, Emily M and Powers 3rd, Albert R, 5/26, \$1,325,000
17 Harbour Close Lot 17, Wagner, Donald M and Wagner, Nazira to Bogdany, Shane and Bogdany, Jean, 5/27, \$230,000
45 Donna Dr Lot B2, Civil, Huseyin to Hayat, Indira S and Sadat, Said W, 5/26, \$85,000
71 Kenny Dr, Susi, Mary to Escobar-Torres, Jhon J and Cueva-Maldonado, Miriam A, 5/26, \$195,000
81 Butler St, Zayas Jr, Juan R to Kaplan, Sophie S, 5/25, \$185,000
100 York St Lot 7E, Mcgann, John C to Winchell, Margaret E, 5/24, \$60,000
138 Henry St, Ventures, Petrelis to Dahan, Tova and Mahlev, Shmuel, 5/25, \$301,000
142 Lloyd St, Ervin, Theresa D to Akram, Mohammed, 5/27, \$335,000
147 Livingston St Lot 33, Petkun, Jonathan to Elhaug, Kristina, 5/25, \$350,000
167 Fountain St, Chapel Haven Schleifer to Oerkvitz, Kenneth J and Wakeling, Lauren A, 5/25, \$95,000
242 Audubon St Lot 33, Spicher, Karen to Subramanian, Sharon, 5/23, \$245,000
248 Sheffield Ave, Mauro, Ralph to Kings Gate Hav O LLC, 5/23, \$55,000
289 Greene St Lot 289, Dupree, Cydney H to Nakhmurina, Anna and Semenov, Vadim, 5/23, \$425,000
319 Blatchley Ave, Rodriguez, Jose L to Salvatore, Dylan and Moore, Kara, 5/23, \$400,000
416 Yale Ave, Plattus, Alan J and Berliner, Nancy to Halvorsen, Jeffrey and Halvorsen, Dina A, 5/23, \$539,000
432 Dixwell Ave, Stephenson, Derek and Berndt-Stephenson, Elva to Netz C LLC, 5/25, \$278,000
438 Whitney Ave Lot 11, Jessie Pinkham T and Pinkham, Jessie to Schaffer, Dillon A and Ward, Libby M, 5/25, \$505,000
755 Winchester Ave, Robinowitz, Yisroel to New Haven City Of, 5/23, \$155,000
637 Orange St Lot 1, Lambertson, Alexandra and Tazudeen, Rasheed to Loehr, Daniel and Lopez-Low, Gabriel, 5/27, \$391,000
720 Washington Ave, Manner, Christopher and Manner, Jacob to Skinner, Gordon, 5/23, \$193,000
910 State St Lot 910, Riedel Joanne B Est and Riedel, Deborah L to Caturegli, Giorgio and Householder, Sarah B, 5/23, \$370,000
953 Grand Ave, T&L Matteo Associates LLC to 953 Grand Ave LLC, 5/24, \$380,000
1306 State St, Bhatti Realty LLC to 1306 State LLC, 5/24, \$400,000

NEW LONDON

Mansfield Rd, Disch, Allison E to Grunthar-ner, Eric M, 5/27, \$300,000
Pcean Ave, Matthews, Afton A and Matthews, Benjamin C to Dana, Alicia C and Dana, Paul H, 5/26, \$305,000
9 Viets St, Huhn, John C to Schulist, Darrin R, 5/24, \$265,000
13 Archer Ct, 13 Archer Court LLC to Villafana, Salustina, 5/23, \$231,000
14 Mercer St, Devega, Demian to Arteaga, Carrie and Arteaga, Sofia, 5/26, \$150,000
25 Tinker Ct, Blackburn Stephen G Est and Myers, Renee C to Angulo, Enrique, 5/27, \$56,500
27 Tinker Ct, Blackburn Stephen G Est and Myers, Renee C to Angulo, Enrique, 5/27, \$56,500
28 Ocean Ave, M&M Properties 8 LLC to Guigui, Ulrike, 5/25, \$245,000
32 Harris Rd, Wheeler, Nora H to Deskin, Laura and Self 2nd, Henry, 5/26, \$368,000
36 Westridge Rd, Matthews, Afton A and Matthews, Benjamin C to Dana, Alicia C and Dana, Paul H, 5/26, \$305,000
511 Montauk Ave, Schulist, Darrin R to Knowles, Douglas R and Knowles, Irene C, 5/23, \$331,000
639 Ocean Ave, Disch, Allison E to Grunthar-ner, Eric M, 5/27, \$300,000
720 Williams St, Griffts, Nicholas R to Mitch-

ell, Erin and Mitchell, Ryan, 5/26, \$392,500

NEW MILFORD

2 Candlewood Lake Rd S 2, Ruopp, Jean to Dransfield, Kevin and Dransfield, Marylisa, 5/20, \$152,500
3 Palomino Dr, Stephen, William A and Stephen, Cathy M to Caggiano, Ralph and Caggiano, Victoria, 5/25, \$380,000
4 Western View Rd, Hull, James L and Hull, Rita M to Hall, Marlene M and Lytle, Mikie, 5/25, \$450,000
12 Cambridge Cir, Smart, Paula T to Gabriel, Victor A, 5/23, \$200,000
12 Cambridge Cir, Smart Thomas Y Est and Smart, Paula P to Gabriel, Victor A, 5/23, \$200,000
12 Terrace Pl Lot 15, Hyde, Jason to Aguayo, Cristian J, 5/24, \$102,000
13 S End Plz Lot 13, Kevin L Rosato IRT and Rosato, David G to Lee Properties LLC, 5/20, \$200,000
15 Old Farms Ln Lot 15, Western Connecti-cut FCU to Bohan, Chad and Bohan, Kristia V, 5/24, \$160,000
15 Old Farms Ln Lot 15, Bohan, Chad and Bohan, Kristia V to Farley, Desiree A, 5/24, \$265,000
30 Old Park Lane Rd, Baylock Jr, John P and Baylock, Alice to Orourek, John P and Lynster, Kerry T, 5/26, \$299,000
32 Candlewood Lake Rd S Lot 2, Ruopp, Jean to Dransfield, Kevin and Dransfield, Marylisa, 5/20, \$152,500
32 Candlewood Lake Rd S 2, Ruopp, Jean to Dransfield, Kevin and Dransfield, Marylisa, 5/20, \$152,500
54 Taylor Ter, Mercante, Joseph and Mercante, Angela to Reda, Alexa and Reda, Evan, 5/24, \$390,000
81 S Kent Rd, Remlin, Wayne E to Smith, Sven and Nazzaro, Veronica, 5/20, \$320,000
104 Beard Dr Lot 104, Daubert, Patrick to Hughes, Kayla, 5/24, \$201,000
134 Beard Dr Lot 134, Darco, Luann to Miko-laichik, Amy, 5/20, \$279,900
215 Danbury Rd, Straub Barbara A Est and Howard, David to Boccarossa Land Invs LLC, 5/20, \$1,250,000
219 Danbury Rd, Straub Barbara A Est and Howard, David to Boccarossa Land Invs LLC, 5/20, \$1,250,000

NEWINGTON

17 Burdon Ln, Mcvey, Sean M and Mcvey, Patricia P to Parekh, Krunal and Parekh, Divya, 5/25, \$475,000
22 Hillside St, Cabelus, Nancy B to Rosario, James and Rosario, Jennifer, 5/23, \$285,000
27 Meadowview Ct, Prario, Kathy L to Blum, Simon, 5/24, \$571,900
33 Camp Ave, Andrews David Est and Fias-conaro, Dawn M to Sifuentes, Ana C, 5/24, \$225,000
107 Stoddard Ave, Peets, Lois D to Ortega, Alexis and Ortega, Lina M, 5/23, \$235,000
139 Williamstown Ct Lot 139, Moody, Patri-cia K to Scallion, Cathy, 5/24, \$115,000
157 Foxboro Dr Lot 157, Denny, Jahmal to Morel-Baez, Yumenia D, 5/25, \$260,000
160 Miami Ave, Roy, Ewa and Roy, Cecil to Falk, Julie, 5/25, \$300,000
171-173 Audubon Ave, Polomsky, Robert C to DeLeon, Damaris, 5/23, \$310,000
226 Audubon Ave, Vanwagner, Kendra T and Vanwagner, Steven to Pilver, Joseph and Salinger, Shaela, 5/23, \$316,000
245 John St, Sandler Lona M Est and Sandler, Robin B to Werbiski, Benjamin A and Nguyen, Thuanh T, 5/24, \$255,000
254 Goodale Dr, Young, Paul and Young, Megan to Stankiewicz, Holli and Stankiewicz, Jonathan, 5/23, \$335,000

NEWTOWN

13 Obtuse Rd, Elken, Karl H and Elken, Heather A to Grassi, Matthew and Grassi, Rachael, 5/23, \$517,500
20 Juniper Rd, Buy Or Sell Realty LLC to Lyddy, Kyle and Lyddy, Emily, 5/23, \$540,000
37 Hoosey Coach Rd, Koren, Alan and Koren, Kimberly D to Talbot, Michael E, 5/25, \$835,000
38 Black Bridge Rd, Vargas, Roberth to Brig-antl, Mark J, 5/24, \$380,000
215 Hattertown Rd, Costa, Marjorie M to Edwards, Mark, 5/24, \$110,000

NORTH BRANFORD

12 Clear Lake Rd, Jasudowicz John J Est and Sullivan, Nancy L to Sarah Project LLC, 5/25, \$257,000

14 Oak Hill Dr, Cahill, Christopher to Martino, Andrew, 5/27, \$385,000

52 Coach Dr, Buono Jr, Alfred L and Buono, Karen L to Anderson, Charles A, 5/26, \$459,000

229 Branford Rd Lot 127, Depaola, Maria to Laskey, Ian, 5/27, \$185,000

NORTH CANAAN

277 Ashley Falls Rd, Considine Classic Hm to Thomas, Christopher and Young, Gina T, 5/24, \$355,000

NORTH HAVEN

7 Blossom Dr, Louis G Gough Rev LT and Gough, Lois G to Siracuse, Walter and Siracuse, Joelle, 5/23, \$350,000
11 Goodwill Rd, Ciani, Christopher and Ciani, Dawn M to Peri-Onkony, Pognhi A and Johnson, Christa, 5/23, \$436,000
19 Warner Rd, McCarthy, Lindsey A and McCarthy, Christopher J to Piche, Brandon, 5/23, \$450,000
68 Coventry Cir, Wysocki Frances Est and Mezick, Roberta L to Granata

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Michele to Mino, Jacqueline, 5/25, \$388,000
366 E Main St, Banning, Suzanne S to Reno, Christopher, 5/27, \$360,000
1638 Tuttle Ave, Iezzo, Frank G and Iezzi, Sue A to Venoit, Jon Paul, 5/27, \$245,000

WATERBURY

Ashford St, Bartkus, Jorune to Hamilton, Donzell, 5/24, \$200,000
Doran St, Nogueira, Eduardo to Charter Oak Prop 31 LLC, 5/23, \$120,000
Grand St, Scalzo, Joseph C and Domin, Aleksandra to Soriano, Bruno C and Rizzo, Patricia E, 5/25, \$310,000
Hamilton Ave, Waterbury RETail LLC to Waterburyper LLC, 5/27, \$6,582,000
Highland Ave, Harlaman Homes LLC to Martinez Jr, Luis and Bogan, Brittany L, 5/27, \$335,000
Scott Rd, Grassini, Dane F to Dickens, Bobby L, 5/23, \$115,000
Warren Ave, Cappelletti, Mark M to Quinones, Juan and Phillips, Alisha, 5/24, \$210,000
Yale St, Bartkus, Jorune to Hamilton, Donzell, 5/24, \$200,000
9 Harvard St, Bartkus, Jorune to Hamilton, Donzell, 5/24, \$200,000
15 Kay Ln Lot A, Watt Jr, Wayne C to Breive, Tracy S, 5/24, \$110,000
20 Albert Pl, Samuel, Henry to Caffrey, Keith, 5/23, \$270,000
22 South St, Loja, Manuel R to Casiano, Jon P and Diaz, Cynthia, 5/25, \$150,000
23 Murray St, Rampal, Adram and Rampal, Savitri to Fusco, Steven, 5/25, \$330,000
32 Nina Ct, Kissick, Todd J to NS Holdings LLC, 5/26, \$190,000
36 Windy Dr, Dionne, Gisele J to Barrett, Armando and Barrett, Claribel, 5/25, \$235,000
51 Rockridge Rd, Cappelletti, Mark M to Quinones, Juan and Phillips, Alisha, 5/24, \$210,000
53 Ridgefield Ave, Blackwell, Victoria A to Tacco, Marco L and Tacco, Ana J, 5/23, \$254,000
53 W View St, Machado, Duarte G to Machado, Osvaldo J and Machado, Maria J, 5/24, \$130,000
54 Pemberton St, Silva, Maria to Yaguachi, Luzmila P and Quintanilla, William A, 5/25, \$280,000
54 Woodlawn Tr, Kozusko, Steven J and Kozusko, Frances M to Wakefield Heights LLC, 5/24, \$213,000
59 Oakwood Ave, Knutson, Erik and Knutson, Mallory to Hussain, Shah, 5/26, \$201,000
63 Lamen St, Nogueira, Eduardo to Charter Oak Prop 31 LLC, 5/23, \$120,000
78 Beth Ln, Mordino 3rd, Alfred D to Tiso, Andrea and Tiso, Carol A, 5/26, \$209,000
79 N Walnut St, Roberts, Glendon to Barrett, Trexton, 5/24, \$270,000
84 Southridge Dr, Kolesnik, Robert and Kolesnik, Tanya to Dominguez, Jaime A and Herrera, Elsa F, 5/23, \$455,000
93 Mansfield Ave, Voghel Paul A Est and Mitchell, Robin to Wtby 5 Development LLC, 5/26, \$105,000
100 Townsend Ave, Boucher, Karen to Cerutti, Michael and Beaudoin, Michael, 5/26, \$155,000
104 Bishop St, Maxine, Davis and Bank Of New York Mellon to Bank Of New York Mellon, 5/25, \$75,000
114 Bucks Hill Rd Lot 6, Johnson, Jerad M to FMC Contractors LLC, 5/25, \$60,000
119 Joy Rd, Leonard, Edward and Midfirst Bank to Pomaquiza, Jose, 5/27, \$117,000
124 Meriden Rd, WLBI LLC to Virella, Artemio and Sanchez, Emanuel, 5/24, \$390,000
187 Academy Ave, Hernandez, Vanessa to Torres, Joselyn G, 5/27, \$208,000
352 Park Rd, Chimbo, Blanca and Once, Jose L to Yllescas, Jashua, 5/25, \$310,000
366 Edgewood Ave, J&H Realty LLC to

Porter, Jacquee, 5/27, \$140,980
515 Scott Rd Lot 44, Grassini, Dane F to Dickens, Bobby L, 5/23, \$115,000
643 Prospect Rd, RWS Construction LLC to Stokes, Susan, 5/24, \$300,000
651 Cooke St, Asmar, Marshall to Sessions, Rhythm and Sessions 2nd, Ralston, 5/23, \$200,000
723 Congress Ave, Fera, Paula J to Coronel, Jamie E and Curay, Silvia E, 5/25, \$335,000
2239 N Main St, Lopez, Ana L to Matute, Tobias A, 5/27, \$165,000

WATERFORD

Mago Point Bch, Dealba, John and Perron, Ivan to Johnson, Craig J, 5/23, \$350,000
9 Porter St, C J Ramus IRT and Ramus, Janet C to Ghezzi, Naomi R, 5/23, \$305,000
15 Applewood Dr, L Snyderman T and Snyderman, Liana to Scialovino, Frank C and Scialovino, Caldonia M, 5/24, \$535,000
36 Kenyon Rd, Johnston, Linda G and Johnston, Donna E to Oko, Marie and Oko, Gayle A, 5/24, \$247,500
54 Rope Ferry Rd Lot E99, Zimba, Mofya F to Leuze, Andrew I, 5/23, \$185,000
138 Fog Plain Rd, Thistle Roberta Est and Fortier, Gary P to Ali, Abid, 5/26, \$215,000

WATERTOWN

Charles St, Zibell, Christopher F to Zibell, Colin C and Zibell, Ada, 5/27, \$300,000
Westview Vlg Lot 902, Varrone, Carol A to Riberry, Gloria, 5/25, \$65,000
35 Ledgewood Rd, Herrmann, Gregory J to Stefanatos, Panagiotis G and Bartone, Nicole K, 5/27, \$412,000
42 Porter St, Warren, Jason M to Nicholson, Shannon, 5/23, \$305,000
51 Guernseytown Rd, Zappone Linda Est and Zappone Jr, James R to Shannon, Ryan and Shannon, Jessica, 5/27, \$395,000
62 Frances Ann Dr, Clemente, Ronald A and Buzzelli, Elizabeth L to Buzzell, Nicolas P, 5/26, \$255,000
81 Norway St, Realty Source LLC to Lafebre, Max I and Montenegro, Allison I, 5/24, \$380,000
89 Deer Run Rd, Flagpole Holdings LLC to Rocha, Silvestre P, 5/24, \$456,000
89 Van Orman St, Murovsky, Richard to Terlizzi, Matthew and Polanco, Erica, 5/25, \$285,000
97 High St, Obar Margaret A Est and Quatrano, Renee to Avioletta, Maryrose, 5/25, \$230,000
102 Charles St, Marion Properties LLC to Maloku, Liridona and Maloku, Valon, 5/24, \$345,000
105 Guernseytown Rd, Finley, Tara A to Captain, Zachary, 5/25, \$286,000
114 Porter St, Hosking Sr, William A to Nam Properties LLC, 5/27, \$300,000
129 Hickory Ln, Valla, Kathleen L and Valla, Lauren K to Wujcik, Susan, 5/27, \$295,000
308 Oak Dr, Moujni, Mustapha to Chen, Xiao X, 5/24, \$360,000
319 Thomaston Rd Lot 99, Rutigliano, John F and Rutigliano, Christine R to Romano T, 5/26, \$300,000

WEST HARTFORD

Asylum Ave, Therese W Felekey T and Felekey, Therese W to Harkcom, Timothy C and Flaaten, Greta L, 5/25, \$500,000
Bretton Rd, Maurer, Eric to Smith, Troy, 5/27, \$315,000
David Carleton Rd, Blatt, Samuel and Lee, Stephanie to Spector Family Prop LLC, 5/26, \$445,000
Florence St, Renstrom, James T and Halladay, Samantha E to Zuluaga, Giovanni and Zuluaga, Katiri V, 5/27, \$410,000
Geneva Ave, Clough FT and Clough 3rd, George H to Mackenzie Jr, Gordon and Mackenzie, Cheryl, 5/27, \$53,000
Quaker Grn Lot 39, Rini, Jonathan A to Asad, Omair and Alam, Syed A, 5/26, \$440,000
8 Cadwell St, Curley, Bryan and Curley, Jennifer to Lanza, Benjamin, 5/27, \$427,500

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11 Griswold Dr, T&M RE OF CT Inc to Farkhondeh, Mina and Haidari, Arman S, 5/26, \$175,000
12 Red Top Dr, Lorden Winifred M Est T and Mosher, Kimberly A to Reardon, Pamela J, 5/25, \$375,000

15 Borough Dr, Colette M Bouvier RET and Bouvier, Robert R to Raska, Jennifer J and Burnette, Christopher S, 5/24, \$535,000
17 Valley Crest Dr, Minichino, Nona to Townsend, Errol and Grenier, Nicole, 5/26, \$425,000

19 Carleton Rd, Blatt, Samuel and Lee, Stephanie to Spector Family Prop LLC, 5/26, \$445,000
33 Middlefield Dr, Mancini, Seth G and Mancini, Sally A to Jaeger, David B, 5/27, \$730,000

39 Stratford Rd, Fortner Jr, Joseph G and Fortner, Holly W to Eshleman, Christopher and Paul, Rebecca, 5/23, \$655,000

40 Elden Hill Dr, Oliver, Douglas L and Oliver, Elizabeth C to Volo, Zachary, 5/23, \$450,000

51 Edgemont Ave, Mcadam Timothy J Est and Mcadam, Lauren A to Half, Eric, 5/23, \$225,570

52 Bretton Rd, Intcom Pruprtey FunnDz to Burnham Jr, Gary R and Burnham, Rachel A, 5/24, \$415,000

55 Everett Ave, Marquis, Lisa A to Haydock, Gwyneth and Fertal, Tova, 5/26, \$300,000

65 Trout Brook Tr, Dahal, Arjun and Dahal, Indira to Kourtzidis, Demitra, 5/23, \$275,000

70 Dover Rd, Eagan, Michael O to Eagan, Kevin J, 5/23, \$400,000

72 Dover Rd, Eagan, Michael O to Eagan, Kevin J, 5/23, \$400,000

73 Dover Rd, Eagan, Michael O to Eagan, Kevin J, 5/23, \$400,000

87 Grove St, Renstrom, James T and Halladay, Samantha E to Zuluaga, Giovanni and Zuluaga, Katiri V, 5/27, \$410,000

100 Kane St Lot A2, Liu, Wei Q to Everstar LLC, 5/23, \$92,000

107 Newington Rd, Strubel, Max J to Radack, Emma N, 5/25, \$285,000

130 WestHamp Ave, Ellen F Spalluto T and Spalluto, Joseph J to Coombs, Deborah and Cech, Alex C, 5/27, \$1,200,000

156 Mayflower St, Classic Designs LLC to Nela, Mersim, 5/23, \$246,000

156 Overbrook Rd, Rothaar, Nicholas and Letterio, Michael to Elezi, Shkelqim and Elezi, Mikaela, 5/24, \$400,000

218 Ridgewood Rd, Dettenborn, Anne and Kowalishyn, James to Ghosh, Koustav and Chakraborty, Saumali, 5/23, \$576,980

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11 Savin Park Lot 11, Martin, George W and Martin, John W to Makkena, Venkata V and Mallampati, Sri V, 5/23, \$217,000
14 Meadowbrook Rd, Datz, Gabor to Barrios, Nicholas D, 5/27, \$385,000

44 Noble St, Torres, Ruth G to Lax Properties LLC, 5/23, \$201,000

63 Richmond Ave, Passini, Austin and Lombardo, Nicolette to Miranda, Felipe M, 5/27, \$427,100

80 Union Ave, Maher, Robert E to C&S Realty 2 LLC, 5/26, \$285,000

89 Eileen Rd, Dias, Jonathan J to Lussen, Meghan, 5/27, \$240,000

92 Woodmont Rd, Vellica, John M to Pilco, Jose, 5/25, \$258,000

174 Laurel St, Suraci, Margaret to Carrasco, Lem F, 5/25, \$230,000

254 Dalton St, Almidani, Amjad to Thikka-varapu, Mahitha, 5/20, \$455,000

330 Savin Ave Lot 56, Savin Harbor Condo to Kozio, Jennifer E, 5/24, \$176,500

352 Union Ave, Reilly, Brian P and Reilly, Varvara to Evans, Andrew J and Evans, Megan S, 5/27, \$415,000

375 Captain Thomas Blvd Lot 76, Novak, Philip and Novak, Patricia A to Miranda, Michelle, 5/23, \$280,000

804 Savin Ave, Ma, Lamngem to Montez, Daniel J, 5/26, \$300,000

978 1st Ave, 122 Wolcott Street LLC to Foganti, Kramthi, 5/23, \$275,000

WESTBROOK

Meadowbrook Rd, Hammock Rental LLC to Hoefferle, Anne, 5/24, \$300,000

89 Walton Dr, Ep Property Holdings LLC to Vaillancourt, Stacy A, 5/26, \$575,000

306 Hammock Rd N, Hammock Rental LLC to Hoefferle, Anne, 5/24, \$300,000

WESTON

Aspetuck Hill Ln, Chhibbar, Vishal and Chhibbar, Dimple to Ertan, Kutlu, 5/25, \$2,400,000

Cannondale Rd, Wampum Hill Holdings LLC to Dallavechia, Riccardo and Cascio, Rachel A, 5/23, \$409,000

5 Walker Ln, Rosen, Patricia to Oranges, Andres H and Oranges, Christina L, 5/27, \$1,275,000

230 Godfrey Rd E, Tracey, Christopher and Tracey, Paula to Ross 2nd, John M and Roed-el-Ross, Catherine E, 5/23, \$1,105,000

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1 Fresenius Rd, Giauome, Antoine to Keira LLC, 5/25, \$470,790

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ASK THE BUILDER

Good flashings defend against roof leaks

By **Tim Carter**
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Several weeks ago, I wrote about the different types of roofs you can use on your home. I should have realized it would create a tsunami of help requests regarding roof leaks at my “Ask Tim” page on AsktheBuilder.com. You may have had a roof leak that local roofers have not been able to fix, or maybe an unskilled laborer tried to fix your problem with a caulk gun loaded with black goo. Today I’m going to do my best to explain where almost all roof leaks happen and how simple it is to prevent them or fix them.

Just about any professional roofer will agree that roof flashing is at the center of the vortex of just about every leak. If you’ve never been up on a roof — and most homeowners haven’t — you might wonder what a roof flashing is.

Here’s my best definition: Roof flashings are transitional materials that connect a roof to something that’s not a roof. Here’s a partial list of things that are not a roof: plumbing vent pipe, chimney, skylights, powered roof ventilator, attic or room dormer, a wall that’s next to and rises above a roof.

At each of the above locations you need to ensure water will not enter around the thing popping up through or immediately adjacent to the roof. Master roofers centuries ago solved this problem. Castles, cathedrals and common homes had flashings, most made from common malleable metals such as lead or copper.

If you paid attention to the news stories after the tragic fire in 2019 at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, you know that the ruins were considered a toxic waste site because of



While this metal chimney flashing looks worse for wear and design, it does a fine job and prevents water from leaking around the brick chimney. **TIM CARTER**

the tons of lead that had become part of the ruins. Vast amounts of sheet lead was used hundreds of years ago as flashing at countless places up on that roof. It’s possible, although very rare, to have a leak in the field area of a roof far away from flashings. I did a phone consultation with a man a month ago. Within minutes I had him locate the source of his leak. He saved hundreds of dollars using my advice.

The good news is it’s simple to install most roof flashings. If I came to your city or town and did a half-day clinic, I would be able to train you how to install most common flashings in just a few minutes. Yes, it’s

that simple. Some roof flashings are superior to others. I’ve been using a superb plumbing vent pipe flashing for years that outperforms the cheaper flashing most roofers and plumbers commonly use. The flashing base is made from heavy-duty powder coated metal and the flexible boot is made from a silicone-rubber material that resists ultraviolet rays that destroy a cheaper flashing in just a few years. A well-known skylight manufacturer provides its own aluminum flashings with each skylight. These are so simple to install anyone who can fog a mirror can install them.

The best part is the flashings are so well engineered they don’t leak even in harsh storms. If you live in a cold climate where ice and snow can build up on your roof, it helps to install an ice and water barrier material up against the sides of the skylight before you install these factory-made flashings. Years ago, tin-coated steel was the flashing material used by professional roofers. It came in different weights, with 20- and 40-pound tin coating being the most popular. Sadly, government regulations have prohibited you from using this fantastic product. To get the same results and ease of instal-

lation, you need to use expensive copper. The best flashing materials in my opinion, and time has proven this, are those you can solder. Certain flashing connections have to be folded and interlaced. This metal origami creates tiny holes where two flashing meet that must be soldered to provide a leak-proof installation for decades. I can take you up onto roofs of old homes in the Northeast and Midwest where soldered flashings are still in excellent condition having been exposed to nearly 100 years of weather. Caulk would never produce this result. If your roofer tells you he’s going to use caulk,

suggest to him you’d like to pass on that option. Caulks can be damaged by the sun’s UV rays and break down. Roofers who swear that high-performance caulk will provide no leaks must use expert skills to get the caulk to bond to all the flashings and the things the flashings touch. Will the employee who’s up on your roof have these skills? I’ve assembled quite a few videos that demonstrate how flashings should be installed. These videos can help you communicate to a roofer what you want done to ensure you and your possessions stay dry. Watch the videos here: GO.askthebuilder.com/flashings.

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Tips for throwing a summer party

BY **GRETCHEN MCKAY**
PITTSBURG POST-GAZETTE

Thinking of hosting a summer party? Here are two terrific nuggets of advice: Keep it simple, and if people offer to help, let them! You'll have a better time if you don't have to do it all.



Decide what kind of party you're throwing. Is it a beer-and-chip kind of evening? Are kids invited? Are you planning to prepare all the food yourself? Answering these questions will determine everything from your shopping list to the decor to the amount of notice you need to give guests (finding a babysitter can take time). If everyone knows what to expect, no one will be disappointed.



Make a list and assign some of the hosting tasks. Your significant other/child/next-door-neighbor can replenish the chip dish, clear away trash or refill the cooler as well as you can — maybe even better.



Be cognizant of food allergies and restricted diets. Some can't eat wheat or don't want to eat meat. Have at least one gluten-free nibble for folks with wheat sensitivities and remember there are a lot of vegetarians among us, too. Also, be sure to provide seltzer, lemonade, soda or a nonalcoholic cocktail.



Speaking of alcohol, a safe bet is three drinks and 1½ pounds of ice per person. A bottle of wine yields between four to five glasses, while a 750-ml bottle of spirits will make about 16 drinks.

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Think easy when it comes to food. Hand-held and cool or room temperature things that are good for grazing instead of eating on a plate with a knife and fork. If using plates, opt for paper plates. It's summer! Who wants to be stuck in the kitchen washing dishes?



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Be kind to your guests by providing a can of nice-smelling bug spray for those bare ankles and shoulders.

Don't fret if the crowd spills out from your porch onto the lawn. This year especially, a porch party is about having fun, connecting with the people you love and celebrating the fact we can all be together once again.

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How to clean for houseguests

BY **PAUL F. P. POGUE**
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Sometimes you have fair warning when guests are coming over, such as for major holiday events. Other times people drop in with little or no warning.

Whatever the case, you want your home to make the best impression. If you're short on time, here are some tips on how to quickly prep your home for maximum comfort and give your guests a great experience. Fear not — you can accomplish quite a bit of cleaning in a short amount of time if need be!

Walk through your house and think like a visitor. What are the things you notice first that might not look so great? Pay special attention to common areas, guest bedrooms and bathrooms.

Prioritize what needs to be cleaned first. You can always close the door to your home office, your own bedroom and other areas guests aren't likely to wander.

Be aware of your guests' needs. For instance, if they have allergies to particular scents, avoid cleaning materials that use them.

Wash all the bedding and other linens in the guest rooms.

Wipe down commonly touched surfaces such as countertops, doorknobs and light switches. For the best results to get rid of germs and viruses, use a two-step process. Clean with soap and water first, then disinfect using a bleach or alcohol solution. Store-bought alcohol wipes are good for the second step.

Give your oven and refrigerator a good cleaning. The oven will probably get a lot of use, so you want to make sure it's in the best order. Remove all outdated food from your fridge to make room for leftovers.

Check all your bulbs, indoors and out. Sometimes it's easy not to notice a burned-out bulb in an area you can walk through with your eyes closed, but your guests won't have that familiarity.

Prep the bathroom

You want your bathroom(s) in particular to give your guests a good impression. Give each bathroom they might use a good wipe-down, particularly the toilet, shower basin, sink, floor and fixtures.

Make sure the home's supplies are up to date. Clean expired medicine from the cabinet. Make sure soap, towels, shampoo, conditioner and a hair dryer are available. Stock the cabinet and sink with commonly used items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, feminine products, allergy medication, over-the-counter painkillers or cotton swabs.

Leave room for your guest's stuff. An empty, flat surface will be perfect for their own toiletries.

If you lack the time yourself, you can always hire a professional housecleaner for the job. Housecleaning services cost between \$40 and \$80 per hour, per cleaner, and the average one-time job runs between \$150 and \$200. Keep in mind you might have a hard time getting a housecleaner on short notice if you don't have an existing relationship with one, and could pay a premium for same-day scheduling.

If you lack the time yourself, you can always hire a professional.



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Celebrate the people in your life with these personalized party themes

BY **ERIN THORBURN**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

It's an understatement to say the last couple of years have been stressful, unpredictable and tumultuous. But if anything, it's taught us the value of comfort and consistency. And who better to keep us grounded in those things than the people we know — and rely upon? It's no wonder that in light of this, personalization is one of the more trending ways to entertain these days.

So take a look at these ways to celebrate and honor the ones who have kept you going these last few years.

Picture perfect

Selfies are fun. But if you're looking for a way to capture memories that doubles as a gift, consider the professional route. Think about hiring a professional photographer with custom backgrounds and props or a photo booth. Another option is to invest in instant cameras and set up your own themed stations. And don't forget to provide a collection of frames. Many people have surpluses of forgotten or vacant picture frames that can be repurposed. Encourage friends to bring their leftovers to your candid camera event.



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Tea for two or three

Ritualistic and routine in many cultures, tea time beckons a moment to slow down and converse over a hot cuppa. To make a tea party particularly cozy, provide a takeaway cup and saucer for your guests (antique malls and sellers often sell unique sets for reasonable prices). Pick a set that best reflects your friends' personalities. Include bite-sized sandwiches and mini desserts you know are top favorites and make extra for your guests to take home with their porcelain teacup takeaway.

Monogrammed mementos

Rather than using your own personal monogrammed stationery to invite friends and family to an occasion, flip the script and send them personalized invites with their initials. After the party, the take-home gift is the remaining monogrammed stationery bearing their initials or the first letter of their name.

Cookies with character

Is one of your besties Harry Potter-obsessed? Or a fall season fanatic? Take inspiration from Sweet Seeker Cookies (check out @sweetseekercookies on Instagram) to see how to curate

collections of delectable sugar cookies with your favorite people in mind. Throw an appreciation party with your cookie collection as the centerpiece. Think about featuring an autumnal selection with its variety of pumpkins, “thankful”-labeled, and seasonally-colored, leaf-shaped cookies.

Baskets of bounty

Do you have a friend who swoons over Sunday night football? Or goes nuts for goofy socks? Loves any kind of bath bomb or shower scrub? To show you know your buddies, invite them over and present each with a specialized gift basket or box with some of their favorite things. If you lack the time, creativity or desire to compile your own goodies, take a look on Etsy for “Gift Baskets for Friend.” This will provide you with a menagerie of options from color-coded “Sending you Sunshine,” (HeartTalk-Company) packages to fuzzy socks that resemble cupcakes (HappytoGiveBotique).



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Culinary customization

Many of us have spent the pandemic with either really good or hideously bad cooking skills. For those of us who perfected the culinary arts, this theme is for you. Showcase your new (or refined) cooking prowess by sharing your kitchen with those you love most.

Make a shared meal, or encourage friends and family to prepare a favorite quarantine discovery alongside you. To make the occasion extra special, splurge on an engraved cutting board for each chef you host (you can get a reasonably priced wooden option on weddingcollectibles.com).

Coffee carryall

Who doesn't love a hot cup of java? OK, some people don't. But for those who do, make them feel special by inviting them for coffee and sending them home with a coffee caddy. Start by stocking up on a few craft organization bins with handles (check out the Design Plastic Portable Craft Storage Organizer Caddy Tote on Amazon.com). Rather than filling it yourself, entreat your friends to bring their favorite K-cups, ground coffee, creamers and other accompaniments (i.e cinnamon, nutmeg, mocha and vanilla powder, etc.). After everyone shares conversation and a cup (or two) of coffee, have friends pick their favorite coffee items to fill their take-home, carry-and-go coffee container.





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Gratitude gifting

At the heart of all preceding ideas on this list is gratitude. Why not take it a step further by hosting an event with thankfulness as its foundation? For each friend you invite, provide a journal, pen and any other creative elements such as stickers or page markers. Encourage each person to write down what they are grateful for. Or have each person scribe what they appreciate about the person on their right. When everyone is done writing, pass the journal to the person on their right. Then, everyone has a keepsake and reminder of how supported they are as well as how good it feels to be grateful.

Faraway feels

Whatever personal touches you choose to honor the ones you care for most, don't forget about those who are far away. Remote friends can be appreciated with a mailed care package and note of gratitude.

These ideas work best with a small group. Gather three to five of your closest friends to keep costs and coziness at a perfect level.



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Style at Home: Summer seating for a chic lake house vibe

BY **KATIE LAUGHRIDGE**
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It's the start of a lovely and leisurely lake season. Whether you just visit a lakeside abode and want to bring some of the magic back to your neighborhood for the summer or venture out to your special getaway, the rustic chic lake aesthetic is beloved by many.

To me, lake-inspired decor is fun, free and a bit whimsical. It brings to mind walks in the fresh air, lush greenery and sparking campfires in the evening. I for one can't wait to be spending more time in the great outdoors as the seasons turn, and decorating my home and outdoor spaces is half the fun.

When it comes to my outdoor spaces, I love to incorporate natural elements that blend with the surrounding beauty. This means a lot of natural wood in everything from my outdoor furniture to my tabletops. One of my favorite unique pieces of outdoor furniture is a treated teak root pub table and stools. The live edge wood gives off an organic and earthy feel that is truly stunning. It's the perfect statement piece for wood lovers.

For a more traditional look, I love the classic look of bobbin chairs and a settee. The clean lines and light natural tone of the furniture pieces are airy and elegant while still casual. They are the perfect canvas for outdoor pillows and pops of color. Oversized cushions make for a comfortable spot when watching the sunset.

Mixing and matching different styles of wood gives a setting depth and interest. By balancing the sharp lines of a wooden table with naturally finished



bamboo chairs, a tabletop can go from simple to stunning. While the legs on the campaign chairs mimic the warm teak of the bar top, the clean white canvas seats work with the traditional spool chairs and white wicker host and hostess chairs at the table for a seamless look throughout the backyard. We enhanced the table with more wicker and wood accents on the tabletop. Incorporating live plants into the centerpiece allows for even

more of the natural surroundings to be brought into the design.

Creating a relaxing and beautiful outdoor space is an ongoing project full of finishing touches of planters and an occasional garden stool. Each year I find myself adding additions to my collection that bring a smile to my face and make for a special area for my friends and family to enjoy. I can't wait to see what more I can find this year.





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Choose these unexpected
summer colors
for a fresh recharge

BY **CATHY HOBBS**
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When you think of summer, perhaps specific colors and color combinations come to mind. But what if you are tired of the same look and are in need of a color recharge?

These days, designers often use unexpected and out-of-the-box color combinations, allowing for more creative options. Here are some color tips to help bring brightness and warmth into your space.

The power of pastels

Muted tones such as pale pink, soft yellow and muted blue help create a soft color palette perfect for summer.

Turquoise

Turquoise has the ability to be both cool and warm. This rich color will quickly help to liven up a space.

Aubergine and purple

These eggplant deep colors are often associated with winter, but paired with the accent colors they can invigorate and liven up a space.

Mauve and black

This color combination was so popular during the 1980s. Today, instead of looking dated and tired, the combination can look modern and fresh, especially paired with soft neutral tones like cream and white.

Red and orange

When you think of these colors you may think of fall, but they can be just as fun for summer. Looking for some contrast colors? Consider pairing with a lime or deep mustard yellow.

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Style at home: Create a cart that raises the bar

BY **KATIE LAUGHRIDGE**
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The sun is out, the sky is clear, and things are starting to feel normal again! After the crazy and isolating years we just endured, it is wonderful that we are able to start gathering together again in time for the summer.

Back are the evening happy hours and parties with inventive cocktails! Ever since their heyday in the '50s and '60s, bar carts have been a staple in many homes. Carts come in so many finishes and styles that you'll be able to find one that fits into any space.

The beauty and the curse of bar carts is you don't have a lot of space to work with. Everything you place on the tiny shelves needs to either serve a functional purpose or add a powerful punch of visual panache. One of the most important parts of decorating a bar cart (like any vignette) is introducing items that provide height. This can be achieved in many ways, from a tiered server to hold appetizers to a lamp or a showy bouquet of flowers. Another great addition for height is stacking cocktail books to create a platform and top off with barware accessories.

They say that you eat with your eyes, so wouldn't that be true for drinking as well? Try incorporating colored glasses and beautiful beverage holders to make a stunning bar display. We like to group our glasses on additional trays for easy transport to the table and as a nice visual anchor for the cart. Cocktail napkins and hand towels can either be draped over the handles of your cart or go on the bottom shelf (move to the top shelf when you start mixing and serving) along with more glasses, full bottles



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and additional snacks.

If your favorite beverage comes in less than attractive bottles, pour the spirits into decanters. No need to spend a fortune on crystal. We are always looking for affordable pieces that look nice for a fraction of the price, like these fabulous cut glass options. When it comes to adding texture to your bar cart, the more containers, the merrier.

At the end of the day, the bar cart is a place to have fun with functional decor. Switch up your display seasonally for pops of color or keep it simple for year-round enjoyment — there is no wrong way to enjoy your cart. Pop the cork on your favorite vintage and let inspiration take you away.



Is a firepit a good idea?

BY **PAUL F. P. POGUE**
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A fire pit is a perfect addition to your backyard for gatherings after dark. After all, the bright glow and the warm crackling of the fire is the ideal backdrop for a lovely evening's entertainment. They'll bring beauty to your outdoor space and perhaps make your home more attractive when it comes time to sell.

You can build the pit yourself or hire a professional to do the work. A DIY fire pit kit usually costs between \$200 and \$400. This will include stones or pavers to build the structure, a steel ring that frames the interior, and lava rocks to line the floor. A prefab fire pit is usually the least expensive option, and it's easier and faster to assemble. However, they don't tend to last as long as custom-built fire pits, and you don't have a lot of options to customize.

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The biggest advantage of hiring a pro is that you can customize it exactly to your style and needs. You might install a classic circular stone pit with red rocks for an earthy look, or a rectangular gas-fueled pit with glass crystals for a modern, sophisticated look. Take care that whatever materials you use are capable of handling the high temperatures. Some kinds of concrete and glass could crack or explode under the heat.

Most fire pits use firewood or charcoal as fuel. However, you can also install a gas line or electric flames for a customizable, turnkey fire source. Since these involve running extra electrical or gas lines, the cost will go up accordingly. You can also use propane tanks.

When installing a pit, consider adding other fixtures to enhance its use. For example, a permanent sitting wall around the pit provides more ideal seating than folding chairs in many cases.

While we're thinking about fire pits as Independence Day nears, it's an excellent time to take stock of fire safety measures. Whenever you have an active fire going in a pit or fireplace, or if you're lighting fireworks, make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby.

An extinguisher is an essential tool of home safety and can be purchased for a reasonable price. It's a good idea to have one fire extinguisher for every floor of your home, in an easily accessible place. The kitchen should always have a fire extinguisher nearby.

Fire extinguishers are rated by class. In most cases, the best extinguisher for a home is an ABC model, which works on ordinary combustibles, flammable liquids, and electrical equipment.

Make sure everyone in the household knows where the extinguisher is and how to use it. The National Fire Protection Association recommends remembering the word PASS:

- Pull the pin.
- Aim low at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side to side.





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BY **RICHARD CHIN**
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We have a precious few months of backyard barbecues to look forward to. If you're the competitive type, you probably want to challenge friends and family to that particular pleasure of the lemonade season: the lawn game.

We asked some experts to explain the popular games — from croquet to Wiffle ball — so you can pick the right one for you. They also offered tips on what to wear, what to eat and drink and whether you need to pay attention to the rules.

Lawn bowling

What is it: Rolling balls across the lawn to see who can place their balls closest to a target ball.

Who it appeals to: Everyone from teenagers to senior citizens, according to Robert Johnson, secretary of the Northeast Bocce League, which plays the Italian cousin of lawn bowling.

What goes with it: "It's a beverage sport," Johnson said. "If you like beer, drink beer. If you like wine, drink wine."

What to wear: "Whatever is comfortable to wear. Shorts and sandals work for me," Johnson said.

Rules, schmules: "It's pretty darn easy," according to Johnson. "It's basically throw your ball out and get your ball closer than your opponent."

Cornhole

What is it: You toss beanbags at a slanted board, trying to get the bag to fall into a hole in the board.

Who it appeals to: "Honestly, anybody," said Mike Kruger, co-owner of Triple Crown Cornhole, a Midwest-based cornhole events promoter. "It's all ages."

What goes with it: Burgers, hot dogs and brats are common cornhole fare. And although

cornhole beanbags usually contain plastic pellets rather than corn or beans, why not corn on the cob and baked beans?

What to wear: "A lot of people wear shorts and T-shirts," Kruger said, though pro players might don custom jerseys.

Rules, schmules: "It's easy," Kruger said. You just basically need to count and take turns. One point if your bag lands on the board, three if it goes in the hole. The first player to reach 21 wins.

Croquet

What is it: You use mallets to knock wooden balls through a series of hoops. "It's kind of like billiards on a lawn," said Michael-Jon Pease, emeritus captain of the University Club of St. Paul croquet team.

Who it appeals to: Despite a genteel reputation, "it has a real strong appeal to really competitive people," Pease said. But it also has fans among people who want to wear fan-

cy hats and play a social game on a summer afternoon.

What goes with it: "An Arnie Palmer or lemonade, and if you're not in a public park, feel free to spike it as you please. Winner buys the gin and tonics," Pease said.

What to wear: "The classic is white linen," Pease said.

Rules, schmules: As long as all the players are in agreement, you don't have to follow all the rules to the letter to have a good time.

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Kubb

What is it: Sometimes called “Viking chess,” it’s a Swedish game where you throw wooden batons to try to topple the opponent’s wooden blocks set up on the grass.

Who it appeals to: It can be played with people of varying skills, according to Eric Goplin, director and founder of Minnesota Kubb, a kubb tournament organization.

What goes with it: It’s the sort of game where you can hold a beer in one hand while you’re throwing a baton with the other, Goplin said.

What to wear: Competitive players wear soccer cleats to improve their performance. Others are fine with going barefoot and in shorts.

Rules, schmules: Essentially, you just need to throw sticks to knock down blocks. “It looks infinitely more complicated than it is,” Goplin said. “There’s no counting in kubb.”



Wiffle ball

What is it: A scaled down, kid’s toy version of baseball in which you’re trying to hit a hollow plastic ball with holes cut in one side, using a skinny yellow plastic bat.

Who it appeals to: Players in the Twin Cities-based Home Run League, the largest adult Wiffle ball league in the country, range from former major leaguers to people who have never played baseball before. “That’s the glorious thing about Wiffle ball. It appeals to everybody,” said league commissioner Dan Duehn.

What goes with it: With adult players, beer is traditional.

Want to wear: Serious players might show up in cleats and custom jerseys, but you’re also fine wearing tennis shoes and jeans.

Rules, schmules: Feel free to make up your own rules and count a ball hit on the garage roof as a triple. “You can play in the backyard. You can play in the street,” Duehn said. “See ball. Hit ball. Catch ball. It’s pretty straightforward.”



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Slacklining

What is it: Balancing on a length of webbing stretched between two trees, similar to a tightrope walker.

Who it appeals to: All types, from kids to retirees to working professionals, according to Mark McKee, president of Slackline Minnesota, a nonprofit that promotes the activity.

What goes with it: Healthy food and water is best, according to McKee. After all, you’re trying to stay upright.

What to wear: Anything comfortable. And slacklining is typically done barefoot.

Rules, schmules: Like yoga, slacklining is more of a personal practice than a competition. You can walk on the line, do yoga poses, or even handstands. Just make sure you follow safety precautions. Slacklineminnesota.org has information to help you get started.

This is how you host games night, David!

A ‘Schitt’s Creek’ fan’s guide to success



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BY ERIN THORBURN
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Die-hard “Schitt’s Creek” fans know how important games night is to David Rose. Quite specifically — for games night to succeed — a strict protocol must be followed:

Only six people can be invited (“Any more and gameplay gets too yelly.”)

It’s NOT a party.

It’s composed of three parts — beginning exactly at 8 p.m., ending precisely at 10 p.m.

For those who don’t have the benefit of a Davidesque games night director — but who admire his tenacity and fearsome dedication — how can a perfect games night be pulled off?

Is David’s way the only play? Or are there other strategies to make your games night a success?

Let’s talk to a few experts:

Three, two, one — play!

To begin with, board game developer John Brieger (Briegercreative.com) suggests appealing to your crowd.

“One key to hosting a great games night is picking games to suit your audience, which sometimes means adapting on the fly instead of saying ‘here are the three games we’re playing tonight,’” he says.

Often, according to Brieger, this means selecting a game (or games) that are short and easy to teach.

“Even if you know all your friends that are coming over, different games will go better with different moods for the same group,” Brieger says. “You can pick your second game (which could be short or long) based on how the first goes, rather than running the risk of trapping attendees into a longer game that might not be to their tastes.”

And what if your audience happens to include a mix of not only different personalities

and moods, but also ages?

Like many families, Cecile Leger, the writer behind Ella’s Blended Family (EllasBlended-Family.com), has navigated this circumstance.

“Since there is a large gap between the youngest and oldest boys in our family, finding games suitable for everyone can be challenging,” Leger explains. “Some of our favorite games are Match 5, Carcassonne, Splendor, and our new discovery, Azul.”

Leger’s top game night choices are a combination of board, dice, tile and card games. Any type of board game, according to our gameplay experts, can be an easy and universally enjoyable cornerstone for games night.

“You can pick up [board] games anywhere now,” says Ross Thompsom (Twitter.com/AlmostKirk), marketing manager at The Op Games, “At Target, Barnes & Noble, or your local mom-and-pop retail shop.”

For games night hosts and guests that prefer to delve into the latest, most trending games,

Thompson recommends “Hues and Cues.”

“It’s a game that lets people try to guess certain colors based on the clues you give them. It’s great for all ages and can host up to 10 people, too,” Thompson says.

Pursuit of trivia

“Trivia at your local pub or brewery is always a great way to enjoy a competitive evening with your friends,” says Kris Parker, owner and operator of Big Trophy Trivia Co (BigTrophyTrivia.com). “The best number of trivia players to have on one team is four; however it’s important that each person brings something different to the table.”

The “something different” for which Parker refers is “a strong knowledge of history and politics, while another member will be strong in music, movies and television.”

And, while, Parker says it can be tempting to pack a trivia team full of these subject-matter experts, having more than four people per team can complicate team dynamics, and even lead to indecision and divisiveness.

Endgame

How about the length of gameplay? Do our experts agree on a strict three-part, two-hour games session?

“While it’s nice to have everyone over, we are still getting used to hosting and don’t want to have too hard of a ‘social hangover’ the next day,” Thompson says. “Keeping game night to around three hours is the right call. It lets everyone hang out, socialize, play a couple of games, learn the rules to some new games and still have plenty of time for snacks and chit-

chat during turns.”

For Leger, satisfying the mixed dynamics of family game night does mean a typical two-hour time frame, with breaks in between.

“We play games that last between 35 minutes to an hour to keep the boys entertained and focused,” Leger says. “Some nights we play the same game twice, and others, we switch to a whole new game. We usually start our game night with nachos for supper and special treats throughout the night.”

Get out of jail free card

Perhaps one of the best things you can do — again, unlike David — is allow flexibility during games night.

As Alexis Rose would say: “If it turns into something else, it turns into something else.”

“ Keeping game night to around three hours is the right call. It lets everyone hang out, socialize, play a couple of games, learn the rules to some new games and still have plenty of time for snacks and chitchat during turns.”

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Summer cocktails come alive with fresh herbs, flowers and fruit

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Fruit, flowers, herbs — nothing says summer more than the bounty from farmers markets or our own gardens. Those fresh ingredients that fill our baskets are also the best places to start when crafting summer cocktails.

“We’re seasonal drinkers here in Minnesota,” said Christian Kyllonen, a bartender at Nolo’s Kitchen and its breezy Rooftop Bar in Minneapolis. “Obviously, in summer, you think fresh and fruity.”

That's why Kyllonen jams his cocktails with the flavors of watermelon, blueberry and lavender, cucumber and berries.

He also leans toward clear spirits. "Winter-time comes around, I'm drinking stouts and Scotch and whiskey," he said. "Summertime, I think tequila, I think vodka, gin, more of those lighter liquors."

Summer drinks don't have to be complicated, drink-makers say, and don't be afraid to play with what you have on hand.

"I just love fresh herbs in cocktails," said Britt Tracy, a Twin Cities bartender who's also on staff at the north Minneapolis wine shop Henry & Son. "Summer is the best time to use fresh ingredients."

Home bartenders armed with fragrant, just-snipped herbs can enliven almost any classic cocktail.

"It feels good to be at the farmers market and buy every herb," Tracy said. Infusing them into vinegars, oils, simple syrups and spirits is capturing the essence of summer in a glass."

Simply rubbing an herb in your hands to crush it before dropping it into your cocktail glass can make a world of difference, like in Tracy's basil-scented gimlet (see recipe).

Flowers, too, have a home in quenching drinks for the hottest days.

In the Middle East, nonalcoholic cold beverages are lightly sweetened with floral syrups derived from orange blossom or rose "to make them more celebratory," said Salma Hage, author of "Middle Eastern Sweets." One of Hage's favorites is an iced tea from dried hibiscus flower petals, mixed with orange juice and mint, a cool and tart brew that's an "ideal drink for a heatwave," and complex enough to be an all-ages pleaser.

Garden aside, there's one more unexpected ingredient that can elevate the freshest drinks.

Tracy likes to add a pinch of salt to her shaken cocktails, a tactic that "helps emphasize and embolden already existing players" in the glass, she said. Think of it as taking a margarita's salt rim to the next level. "It's so much better."

Tropical tequila

Serves 1

- 1½ ounces (3 tablespoons) tequila
- Tropical- or citrus- flavored soda, such as Red Bull Yellow Edition
- Splash of orange juice
- Ice, for serving

Directions

Fill a highball glass with ice. Add tequila. Add tropical soda almost to the top of the glass. Top with a splash of orange juice.

Basil gimlet

Serves 1

Note: To make simple syrup, mix equal amounts of sugar and water and heat until sugar is dissolved. From Minneapolis bartender Britt Tracy.

- 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) gin
- ¾ ounces (1½ tablespoons) simple syrup
- ¾ ounces (1½ tablespoons) fresh lime juice
- Pinch of salt
- 1 to 2 basil leaves or other fresh herbs
- Ice, for shaking

Directions

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add gin, simple

syrup, lime juice and a pinch of salt. Shake vigorously for 20 to 30 seconds. Strain into a coupe glass. Twist and rub the basil leaves in your hands to muddle before dropping them into the glass.

Hibiscus & orange iced tea

Makes about 2½ cups.

Note: Dried hibiscus flowers, which can be found in many grocery stores in tea bags or loose, lend a tart and tannic flavor to a brew that could be served hot or cold, says Salma Hage, author of the forthcoming "Middle Eastern Sweets" (Phaidon). Make this iced tea ahead of time and serve as an alternative to alcoholic beverages.

- 2 tablespoons dried hibiscus flowers
- Strips of orange peel from ½ orange
- Scant ¼ cup orange juice
- A few sprigs of mint, for garnish
- Ice, for serving

Directions

Bring 2½ cups of water to a boil, then turn off the heat and add the hibiscus flowers and the strips of orange peel. Cover and let steep for 20 minutes. Strain the tea and add the orange juice. Allow to cool in the fridge. Serve with fresh mint leaves and plenty of ice.



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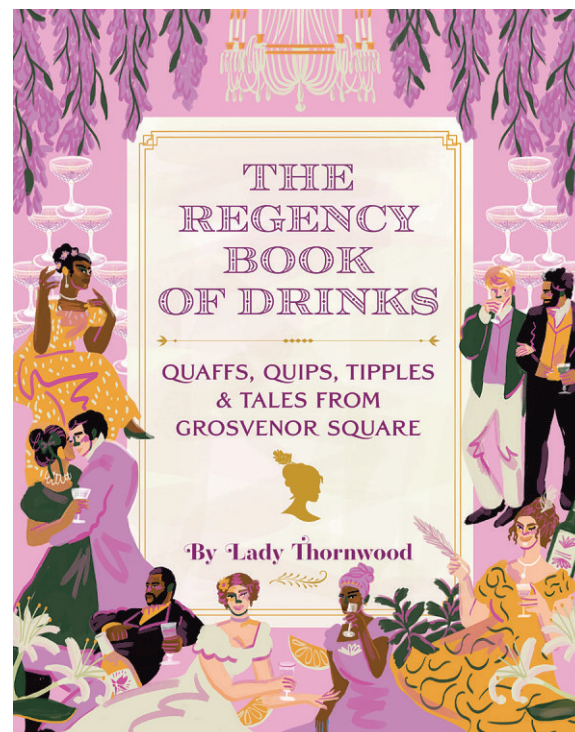


You can have your ‘Bridgerton’ and drink it, too

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You can’t dress like them, even if you were willing to don the required undergarments. You can’t dine like them, unless you have a generous staffing budget and an over-achieving metabolism. (So! Many! Cakes!) And you can’t duel like them, no matter how much you loathe your neighbor and their infernal leaf-blower.

As much as you may love a day of lounging and plotting and an evening of quadrilles and bodice-ripping, you cannot live like the mansion-dwelling le bon ton aristocrats of Netflix’s delightful, binge-worthy series “Bridgerton.”



But thanks to a new book from writer Amy Finley, you can drink like them.

Using the cheeky nom de quill of Lady Thornwood, Finley has written “The Regency Book of Drinks: Quaffs, Quips, Tipples, and Tales from Grosvenor Square,” a new collection of deeply researched, eminently quaffable cocktail recipes shaped by the Regency period of 1811 to 1820 that provided the historical framing for “Bridgerton.” The series is now in its second season.

Adapted from Julia Quinn’s novels, “Bridgerton” debuted during the shut-in Christmas of 2020. It quickly became one of Netflix’s most-watched shows, as pandemic-weary viewers swooned over the Regency romances, the Jane Austen-worthy social machinations, and the dishy narration by the mysterious scandal-sheet writer known as Lady Whistledown.

One of those viewers was Finley.

It was early 2021, and the cook, food writer and early winner of “The Next Food Network Star” had just finished writing a 500-page in-house book on bartending and bar operations.

A longtime lover of the novels of Austen and Charlotte Brontë, as well as an expert in cocktails and cocktail history, Finley came up with

the idea of writing a book that combined the “Bridgerton” sensibility with her now-encyclopedic knowledge of all things boozy.

“That era was a really fruitful period for cocktails and a really amazing period in history,” Finley said from Burlington, Vermont, where she moved to last year to work on her master’s in Food Systems at the University of Vermont.

“The trade routes were growing and the British Empire was growing, and that gave people access to spices and sugar and other commodities that they didn’t have before. And all of that was trickling into society and becoming currency. I thought this would be such a fun way to explore that historical moment and make some great drinks, too.”

The spirited result is “The Regency Book of Drinks,” which features more than 75 cocktail recipes, most of them original Finley creations. The book is divided into chapters inspired by “Bridgerton”-era society and the ladies and gentlemen who make that dizzy world spin.

In “The Evening Soirée” chapter, Finley — in the all-knowing voice of Lady Thornwood — extols the party-friendly power of “deceptively potent” Champagne-forward sparkling cocktails. The “Social Graces” chapter celebrates the crowd-pleasing charms of the punchbowl, where dancing couples can refresh themselves (and perhaps spark a marriage match) over glasses of the “Accomplished Swoon,” featuring gin, raspberry syrup, lemon juice, rose water and seltzer.

There are low-alcohol options in the “Delicate Daytime Drinks” chapter and more potent “muscular” cocktails in the “For Members Only” section. There is even a chapter devoted to non-alcoholic beverages, many of them featuring fresh fruit juices and homemade simple syrups.

“I definitely wanted to include people who are not drinking,” said Finley, who also includes a section on parlor games, along with a chapter on the spirits, tools and glassware you’ll need to set up your Regency bar.



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“During the pandemic, some of us were drinking too much, and some of us were swearing it off. There are so many lovely ways to use infusions and flavored syrups. We really wanted to have something for every type of drinker and every situation.”

Whether she is guiding her gentle readers through the making of a “cunning garnish,” or cautioning them about the dangers of underestimating a “sharp-tongued woman,” Finley’s science-loving, patriarchy-fighting, quip-loving Lady Thornwood is a gimlet-eyed narrator fit for Queen Charlotte.

And if you play your mixology cards right, perhaps the queen herself will drop in on your soirée for a sustaining snack. If Finley has her way, Queen Charlotte might even bring her own recipes.

“I love imagining a sequel to this book that would be told from Queen Charlotte’s point of view, because she is an absolutely fascinating character to me,” Finley said. “I have this idea in my mind of calling it something like, ‘Comfort Me with Canapes: How to Live, Love and Eat Like a Regency Royal.’”

“I can totally imagine another book with that Regency voice. I could use her as a character to get into food and drink. And houseplants, maybe.”

Wedding Breakfast

Here’s a lovely and delightfully straightforward drink with which to toast the very mundaneness of a marriage that boasts no spectral patriarchs. Reader, before accepting a suitor’s ring, one should thoroughly exhaust the subject of their intended’s father— particularly if the relationship seems ... complicated.

- 1 ounce Salers aperitif liqueur
- 1 ounce dry vermouth
- 1 ounce lime juice
- ¾ ounce simple syrup
- Ice-cold seltzer

Fill a highball glass nearly to the top with rocks cracked from a solid ice block, or 1-inch ice cubes, or a frozen spear of ice. Combine the aperitif, vermouth, lime juice and syrup in the base of a cocktail shaker. Add a medium-sized ice shard, lightly smashed into bits, or one or two cubes of ice; close the shaker and whip until the ice is nearly all melted. Add about 2 ounces seltzer to the shaker, then empty its contents, including any lingering ice, into the glass. If the cocktail doesn’t rise nearly to the glass rim, add no more than about an ounce additional seltzer. Garnish with a pert bloom (or a lime wedge) and well-founded relief.



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Alcoholic ice pops

Here's how they measure up

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Hard seltzer rocked the beverage market in recent years, causing an explosion of brands to flood store and bar shelves. Even beer makers like Bud Light, Coors and Corona got in on the action, releasing cans of the sparkling, alcoholic fruity drink.

The hot new party store find is boozy ice pops: frozen wine, seltzers or cocktails in a plastic sleeve like the Fla-Vor-Ice from childhood, but this time with an AVB on the label. Many are coming from the same brands that brought us hard seltzer.

Some are claiming to be low calorie, which can be deceiving considering there are only a few ounces of actual drink in each pop, about 3.4 ounces. One pop is going to get you about as buzzed as a big gulp of chardonnay would, which may be what you're looking for as low-alcohol beverages are definitely in vogue.

Another thing to note is that these are usually sold unfrozen. So if you're planning on getting some for a party, make sure there's time for them to freeze first.

Here's how some of the most widely-available alcoholic ice pop brands measure up

Cutwater Cocktail Pops: Maker of award-winning spirits, canned cocktails, mixers and now cocktail pops, Cutwater's flavors are bold. The San Diego-based company's frozen pops have no artificial sweeteners and come in all-nature flavors like lime margarita, rum and cola, gin melon and vodka mule. You can really taste the ginger in the mule, and the gin melon has a natural watermelon flavor. These run about \$22-\$25 for a 12-pack. 7% ABV. 80 calories. Available at Kroger and other markets.

Truly Lemonade Freeze Pops: These are, truly, great flavors for summer. A trusted name in hard seltzer, Truly's new adult frozen treats come in original lemonade, mango lemonade and strawberry lemonade. The frozen seltzers are more sweet than tangy and are sold around \$20 for a 12-pack. 5% ABV. 80 calories. Widely available.

Slim Chillers Skinny Freezers: This company makes frozen pops with wine and spirits. I think their best product is the peach mango bellini wine cocktail and the orangeberry mimosa. You can taste the wine, and the experience is more like a real frozen drink than a popsicle. For being branded "skinny," these and the vodka versions clock in a bit high at 100-114 calories. The Skinny Threezer pops are three layers of frozen drink, two with tangy fruit flavor and a third with a cream center, giving it more of a blender drink vibe. The three layers seem to separate, though, and don't always blend together. At 160 calories for three ounces, they aren't really "skinny," either. Sold in 8-packs for \$18.99. All versions are 8% ABV and the cream in the Threezers are 11% ABV. Widely available.

Daily's Poptails: You may have seen this brand's other frozen cocktail products in the past; they are not new to this game. Their wine-infused poptails come in strawberry, green apple and watermelon. At \$14.99 for a 12 pack they are the most thrifty of the bunch and taste like wine coolers. 6.8% abv. 90 calories. Available at Target and other stores.

Bud Light Seltzer Frozen Icicles: Just

released last month, these pops come in cherry limeade, blue raspberry and summer ice. They're branded Bud Light, but these are frozen seltzers, not beer. Reportedly available only for a limited time, they've been hard to spot in stores. Bud Light Seltzer Frozen Icicles are smaller than the others at just 2 ounces. 5% ABV. 100 calories.



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Lemon slushies to keep you cool all summer long

BY **LAUREN RADEL**
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A frosty lemon slushy is quintessential beach fare (I'm looking at you, Del's), but you don't have to head to the boardwalk to enjoy one. Amazingly, it only takes a few simple ingredients to whip one up at home, and it's bound to keep you cool all summer long. So grab some lemons, a bag of sugar, and plenty of ice, and get ready to make the ultimate thirst-quencher.

How to make creamy (not icy!) slushies

These two tips will ensure your lemon slushies are as creamy as can be.

1. Use simple syrup. You'll start this recipe by making simple syrup, which is just sugar dissolved in water. Because the final product is liquid, it blends much more easily into cold beverages like cocktails and slushies than granulated sugar.

2. Add the liquids to the blender first. Just like making a creamy smoothie, it's important to layer the ingredients in the blender in the correct order. Starting with the simple syrup and lemon juice and then adding the ice allows the blender to create the "vortex" you're after. Blending on low and gradually increasing to high will help with this as well.

How to add booze

To turn this slushy into your new summer cocktail, add 3 ounces of your favorite vodka (I highly recommend cucumber-flavored vodka) or an herbal gin — both of which will complement the lemon flavor.

Lemon Slushies

Serves 2, Makes about 2 cups

- ½ cup water
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (from 8 to 10 lemons)
- 5 cups ice
- 2 sprigs fresh mint (optional)

1. Bring ½ cup water and ½ cup granulated sugar to a simmer in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Remove from the heat and let cool to room temperature, at least 30 minutes. Meanwhile, juice 8 to 10 medium lemons until you have 1 cup juice.

2. Pour the syrup and lemon juice in a blender and add 5 cups ice. Start blending on low speed and gradually increase the speed until completely blended and creamy. Pour into two glasses, garnish with a mint sprig if using, and serve immediately.

Recipe note: The simple syrup can be made ahead and refrigerated in an airtight container for up to one month. *(Lauren Radel is a contributor to TheKitchn.com, a nationally known blog for people who love food and home cooking. Submit any comments or questions to editorial@thekitchn.com.)*



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Boozy barbecue sauces to make all summer long

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During the pandemic, I turned to a daily cocktail (or two) to help get through (just me?). I experimented with syrups and bitters, perfected my orange twist and went through many bottles of booze.

But now that the world has open back up again — and we can finally meet up for drinks made by other people and enjoyed with other people — all that booze needs to be put to good use.

As it happens, my colleague Lisa McRee, anchor of Spectrum’s “L.A. Times Today,” emailed me to say she had the same problem and to ask for advice on what she should do with all the excess liquor she had in her bar. So I made plans to go to Lisa’s home to spend the day cooking and talking about how she likes to entertain to get a sense of what we might do with the “leftovers.”

As it turns out, Lisa is a sauce queen. From barbecue sauces to herb relishes, spicy salsas and everything in between, Lisa likes to make a few different sauces to keep on hand so that when guests come over, either planned or unannounced, she can grill up some ribs, chops or veggies and serve a flavorful dinner. It’s a no-stress method of entertaining that takes a lot of work off the host while also allowing guests to customize the food to fit their taste or dietary practice of the moment.

So, to fit with her entertaining ethos and because it’s summertime and more and more people will be having backyard barbecues and get-togethers, I immersed myself in using that leftover booze to create lots of flavorful sauces — using the alcohols’ distinct flavors and aromas to complement those of the other ingredients — that you can make now and keep in your fridge the whole summer to use at a moment’s notice.

For my Jack-and-Coke BBQ Sauce, good old-fashioned whiskey adds a dry punch to a traditional ketchup-and-vinegar-based sauce sweetened with cola and caramelized onions. In the same vein, but with a twist, my Stone Fruit & Scotch BBQ Sauce gets its sweetness from peach preserves (you can use plum, apricot or cherry too) and is balanced with the smoky tinge of blended Scotch.

If you love honey mustard, then try my Golden Honey Mustard Sauce With Rum and Turmeric, which uses the punch of rum for a more complex sweetness that is balanced with the earthy kick (and vibrant color) of ground turmeric.

The sweetness of bourbon works with the heat of fresh chiles and a complex mix of warm spices to bring harmony to the Moroccan-Spiced BBQ Sauce from Zuzu, a Spanish-inspired restaurant in Napa. (It is Lisa’s favorite sauce.)

Expanding beyond smooth sauces, my Pineapple Chutney With Mezcal and Vanilla Bean utilizes the booze’s tell-tale smokiness to add character to the tropical sweetness of pineapple and vanilla bean, pod and all. And my favorite condiment gets a south-of-the-border makeover in Tomatillo & Tequila Chowchow. The relish, typically made with green tomatoes and bell peppers with lots of vinegar and sugar, instead uses tart, firm tomatillos and serrano and habanero chiles for plenty of heat. Sweet at first, then spicy at the end, the earthy agave liquor seamlessly blends each flavor

with the next.

I had Lisa try all the sauces, and we discussed the best ways to serve them (you can go to [latimes.com/food](https://www.latimes.com/food) to watch that video). Some are more traditional barbecue sauces — sweet and tangy and spicy — meant for brushing on grilling chicken or splashing on hearty pulled pork, while others are relishes meant for spooning onto cooked meat, seafood and veggies or using as a spread on the sandwiches you’ll make with all the leftovers. Because once you make these sauces, you’ll find plenty of excuses to use them, whether your bar is stocked or not.

Jack-and-Coke barbecue sauce

Time: 45 minutes

Yields: Makes 3 cups

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The sweetness of cola and whiskey are the ideal foundation for a complexly layered barbecue sauce that works brilliantly as a rib glaze as well as a sauce to pass around the table for slathering over grilled chicken, pulled pork or slices of brisket. Be careful to stir the onions often so they brown evenly but don’t burn. Otherwise, they’ll make the sauce bitter.

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small yellow onion, minced
- 2 tablespoons double-concentrate tomato paste

- 2 large garlic cloves, finely grated
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup whiskey
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup ketchup
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup apple cider vinegar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup packed light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon Diamond Crystal kosher salt
- 1 bottle or can (12 ounces) Coca-Cola, preferably Mexican

1. Heat the oil in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until soft and evenly browned at the edges, 8 to 10 minutes. Add the tomato paste and garlic and cook, stirring to combine both with the onions, for 30 seconds. Pour in the whiskey, bring to a boil and cook until reduced to a thick sauce, 2 to 3 minutes.

2. Add the ketchup, vinegar, brown sugar, Worcestershire, salt and soda, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a steady simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until reduced by about a third and thickened, 15 to 20 minutes.

3. Remove the pan from the heat and pour the sauce into a bowl. Let the sauce cool to room temperature, then transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to use.

Make Ahead:

Refrigerate the sauce in an airtight container for up to one month.

Stone fruit & scotch bbq sauce

Time: 25 minutes

Yields: Makes 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups

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This tomato-based barbecue sauce uses peach preserves to add a fruity sweetness (you can also use apricot, plum or cherry), balanced by the light smokiness of scotch, while whole peeled tomatoes add acidity and tang. Brush the sauce on pork ribs or chicken, but also try it on salmon fillets or swordfish.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup blended scotch
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chunky stone fruit jam (see note)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ketchup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup packed light brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon molasses (not “blackstrap”)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Diamond Crystal kosher salt
- 1 can (15 ounces) whole peeled tomatoes, preferably fire-roasted

1. Bring the scotch to a boil in a small saucepan and cook until reduced by half, about 2 minutes. Pour in the remaining ingredients, crushing the tomatoes with your hand as you add them or with a spoon or potato masher in the pan, and return to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a steady simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until reduced slightly and thickened, about 15 minutes.

2. Remove the pan from the heat and pour the sauce into a blender, or use an immersion blender, and purée until smooth. Transfer the sauce to an airtight storage container and let cool to room temperature. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Make Ahead: Refrigerate the sauce in an airtight container for up to 1 month.



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Golden honey mustard sauce with rum and tumeric

Time: 20 minutes

Yields: Makes 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups

Bright yellow, spicy and earthy all at once, ground turmeric adds complexity to regular honey mustard sauce, balanced here with a splash of Worcestershire sauce and golden rum. While it’s a great dipping sauce for chicken tenders or anything coming off the grill, try it as a coating for chicken wings or grilled vegetables and as a marinade and grilling sauce for tofu or veggie burgers.

- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup gold rum
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup yellow mustard
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup Dijon mustard
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup honey
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup apple cider vinegar



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- 3 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground turmeric
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Diamond Crystal kosher salt

1. Bring the rum to a boil in a small saucepan and cook until reduced by half, about 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. Stir in the remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to medium-low to maintain a gentle simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, to marry flavors and thicken slightly, about 10 minutes.

2. Remove the pan from the heat and let the sauce cool completely. Transfer the sauce to an airtight container and refrigerate at least 8 hours before serving.

Make Ahead: Refrigerate the sauce in an airtight container for up to 1 month.

Moroccan-spiced barbecue sauce with bourbon



Time: 45 minutes
Yields: 2¼ cups

This intensely aromatic and spicy sauce comes from Zuzu restaurant in Napa, California, and is filled with 20 ingredients, all of which are essential to its final flavor. Bourbon helps elevate the sweetness of the ketchup and honey to balance out the headiness of the

warm spices and fresh chiles. Serve this sauce with lamb, game, dark meat chicken or any other protein that can match its bold flavor.

- 1½ teaspoons whole black peppercorns
- 1½ teaspoons whole coriander seeds

- 1½ teaspoons whole green cardamom pods
- ¾ teaspoon whole cloves
- ¾ teaspoon whole cumin seeds
- 2 whole star anise
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 cup bourbon
- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup rice vinegar
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 1½ teaspoons dried lavender
- 1½ teaspoons whole green peppercorns (if in brine, drain and rinse before using)
- ¾ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 2 small serrano chiles, stem removed, halved lengthwise
- 2 small garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 2 inches fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- ¼ bunch cilantro, leaves and tender stems roughly chopped

1. Heat a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the black peppercorns, coriander, cardamom, cloves, cumin, star anise and the cin-

namon stick and cook, stirring, until all the spices are lightly toasted (look for the cumin to turn a shade darker), 2 to 3 minutes.

2. Pour in the bourbon to stop the spices from cooking; if using a gas stove, remove the pot from the heat beforehand so the alcohol doesn't catch fire. Bring the bourbon to a boil and cook until reduced by half, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes.

3. Add the remaining ingredients and return to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a steady simmer and cook, stirring occasionally at the beginning and more frequently toward the end, until the sauce is reduced by about half and is syrupy, about 30 minutes.

4. Pour the sauce through a fine strainer into a bowl and let cool to room temperature. Transfer the sauce to an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to use.

Make Ahead: Refrigerate the sauce in an airtight container for up to one month.

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Pineapple chutney with mezcal and vanilla bean

Time: 1 hour 10 minutes
Yields: Makes 2½ cups

Major Grey's chutney, the Indian-influenced British condiment typically made with mango, serves as the inspiration for this pineapple version, imbued with fragrant vanilla bean and cut through with smoky mezcal. Bright lime, spicy ginger and the mineral sweetness of golden raisins add even more tropical fragrance to the chunky sweet condiment that's best served over smoked meats, grilled turkey or chicken, salmon or grilled lobster and shrimp.

- ½ whole vanilla bean
- ⅔ cup mezcal
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

- ½ teaspoon Diamond Crystal kosher salt
- 1 pound peeled and cored pineapple flesh, cut into ¼-inch dice (from half of a large pineapple)
- ½ cup golden raisins
- ¼ cup finely chopped fresh ginger
- 1 small yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 small garlic clove, finely grated
- ½ cinnamon stick

1. Using a paring knife, split the vanilla bean pod in half lengthwise. Using the tip of the knife, scrape out the seeds and transfer them to a small bowl. Very thinly slice the vanilla pod, then run your knife through it a few times to make sure it's very finely minced. Transfer the chopped pod to the bowl as well.

2. Bring the mezcal to a boil in a medium saucepan and cook until reduced by half, 1 ½ to 2 minutes. Stir in the vinegar, both sugars, the lime juice and salt to dissolve the sugar, then add the reserved chopped vanilla bean

and its seeds, the pineapple, raisins, ginger, onion, garlic and cinnamon.

3. Place the pan over high heat, cover and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mixture is reduced, almost all the liquid is gone and the mixture is glossy and thick, 50 to 55 minutes.

4. Remove the pan from the heat and let the chutney cool completely. Transfer the chutney to an airtight storage container and refrigerate at least 8 hours to thicken before serving.

Make Ahead: Refrigerate the chutney in an airtight container for up to 1 month.



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Tomatillo & tequila chowchow

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes, plus 4 hours unattended
Yields: Makes 2 cups

The earthy salinity of tequila adds depth to this sweet, tangy relish, which uses tomatillos instead of the typical green tomatoes, and adds plenty of heat from serrano and habanero chiles. Try to use large tomatillos to make the slicing quicker. This chowchow is wonderful spooned onto grilled meat, but even better paired with grilled fish fillets, oysters or on sautéed crab cakes.

- 1 pound tomatillos
- 1 small white onion, finely chopped
- 1 large serrano chile, stem removed, minced
- 1 habanero chile, stem removed, minced
- 4 teaspoons Diamond Crystal kosher salt
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup tequila, preferably reposado or blanco
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup distilled white vinegar
- 2 small garlic cloves, finely grated

1. Remove the husks from the tomatillos, then rinse them under warm running water to remove the sticky film on the outside. Cut each into 8 wedges, then thinly slice the wedges crosswise to create triangles. Transfer the sliced tomatillos to a large bowl.

2. Add the onion, serrano and habanero. Sprinkle the vegetables with the salt and toss to combine. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let sit at room temperature for 4 hours or refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

3. Transfer the vegetables to a large sieve set in the sink and press to extract as much liquid as possible, discarding the liquid.

4. While the vegetables drain, bring the tequila to a boil in a medium saucepan and cook until reduced by half, about 1 minute. Stir in the sugar, vinegar and garlic, then stir in the drained vegetables.

5. Cover the pan and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are very soft, almost all the liquid is gone and the mixture looks glossy, 40 to 45 minutes.

6. Remove the pan from the heat and let the chowchow cool completely. Transfer the chowchow to an airtight storage container and refrigerate for at least 8 hours to thicken before serving.

Make Ahead: Refrigerate the chowchow in an airtight container for up to 1 month.



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BBQ My Way: Cheeseburger with fried green tomato

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I've been on a bit of a burger binge of late, trying to master the smash burger on our flattop outdoor griddle, and let's just say it's been an enjoyable and delicious project. I absolutely love burgers. If I were to think of a dish/meal that is viewed as purely American and awesomely iconic in its deliciousness, it would be the burger. And its versatility and various ways of presenting it are legendary.

I was watching a cooking show recently. The chefs were the iconic duo of Jacques Pepin and Julia Child, and it was titled "Julia and Jacques: Cooking at Home." It aired in 1999 with 22 episodes. I've seen almost every episode up till now. Hey, don't judge me. I'm a foodie.

Anyway, one of the episodes they covered was on beef, and more specifically the hamburger. In the episodes they prepare a lot of "upper-brow" dishes. When they are done cooking their dish, they always sample the food along with a glass of wine, commenting on how

good it turned out. What struck me when they fixed and then bit into their burgers was how much joy both showed with that first bite. It was like they were kids again. They smiled and shook their heads in disbelief, as if to say "this could be as good as food gets." Heck, Julia even had a cold beer with hers.

So this isn't so much about how to prepare the burger itself as much as it is what to put on it, and I'm going to strongly suggest you give a fried green tomato a try for a couple reasons. Green tomatoes are typically firmer with less water, which is perfect for frying. If you tried to fry a red tomato, you would have a mess on your hands, which is why you never hear Southerners discuss fried red tomatoes. Lately I am seeing green tomatoes carried at grocery stores, which is awesome. Lastly, the added texture and flavor to the burger is really fun, interesting and absolutely delicious.

In terms of frying green tomatoes, it's not that tough. The recipe is below. Consider fixing some burgers your favorite way and give a fried green tomato a try. We served ours on an English muffin.



DAVE LOBECK

Cheeseburger with a fried green tomato

- 2 large green tomatoes
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ cup flour
- ⅓ cup of cornmeal
- ¼ cup breadcrumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 to 2 teaspoons of your favorite Cajun rub, optional

Whisk your eggs and milk in one bowl. In a second bowl, place your flour. In the third, mix together your cornmeal, breadcrumbs and your seasoning. Slice the tomatoes to roughly ½ inch thick. Dredge in flour, then the liquid, then the breadcrumbs. Set on a cooling rack for 10 minutes or more to allow things to set up. Place vegetable oil in a skillet about ½ inch deep over medium-high heat. When a flick of breadcrumbs immediately sizzles, you are ready to fry. When the fried side is brown, flip them. Fry to brown again then remove. Place on the cooling rack to drain the oil. Serve on top of your favorite burger. It might be the best burger you've ever had. Enjoy!

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Open-face tuna tacos are easy summertime appetizer



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My husband and I have two traditions when we visit Georgia's St. Simons Island: dancing to live music at the Village Inn and Pub and ordering a dozen oysters from the Half Shell, slurping them down on the green near the lighthouse and chasing them with a fizzy drink.

The pandemic put a pause on my sideline as an Island Kings cover band groupie, but not oysters to-go. However, during our latest trip

to the Golden Isles, I noticed open-face tuna tacos on the Half Shell menu. Described as “not your typical taco,” it piqued my curiosity.

Sesame-seared ahi tuna, crunchy sweet chili slaw and cilantro-lime cream perched on fried wonton wrappers is a tasty oceanside appetizer — unique yet uncomplicated enough that I was inspired to re-create it at home.

There's a lot of room for variation. The restaurant makes its slaw with red cabbage; I used green because that's what I had on hand, and I stirred in minced jalapeno rather than slicing them into thin rings as a garnish.

Making the slaw first allows the flavors to meld while you fry the wontons and sear the fish.

The Half Shell presentation is flecked with white and black sesame seeds, but Japanese seasoning blend furikake gets you seeds plus briny sea flavor thanks to flecks of nori. Add a dab of wasabi if you want to ramp up the spice. Mexican crema or creme fraiche would approximate the original; I took the lazy route and grabbed a tub of sour cream.

This recipe comes together very quickly, so have all of your ingredients ready before you start.



Open-face tuna tacos

Serves 2-3 as an appetizer.

- 2 cups shredded green cabbage
- 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno
- 2 tablespoons sweet chili sauce
- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 12 wonton wrappers
- 2 (4-ounce) skinless yellowfin tuna steaks, 1-inch thick

- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Sour cream, for garnish
- Wasabi paste, for garnish (optional)
- Black or toasted white sesame seeds (or a combination of both), for garnish (substitute with furikake)
- Lime wedges, for garnish

1. In a small bowl, combine the cabbage, jalapeno and chili sauce. Set aside.

2. Heat 2 to 3 inches of vegetable oil in a large saucepan or Dutch oven until a deep-fry thermometer inserted in the oil registers just under 350 degrees. Fry the wonton wrappers, in batches, 15 to 20 seconds on each side or until golden brown and crisp. Drain on a wire rack or baking sheet lined with paper towels.

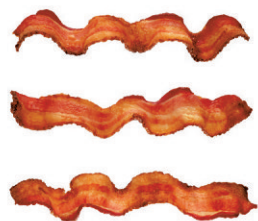
3. Pat the tuna dry with paper towels and lightly season both sides with salt and

pepper. Heat the olive oil in a 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat until just smoking. Add the tuna and cook, uncovered, for 2 minutes. Using a fish spatula, gently flip tuna and continue to cook 2 minutes longer (the outside will be opaque; the center will be translucent red and register 110 degrees). (For medium rare, cook each side 2 1/2 minutes.) Transfer to a cutting board and immediately slice into 1/4-inch-thick slices.

To assemble: Place a spoonful of slaw on top of a fried wonton, followed by a piece of tuna. Top with about 1/4 teaspoon sour cream, a sprinkle of sesame seeds and wasabi, if using. Repeat with remaining wontons. Serve with lime wedges.

Per serving, based on 2: 481 calories (percent of calories from fat, 37), 39 g protein, 36 g carbohydrates, 3 g fiber, 20 g total fat (3 g saturated), 58 mg cholesterol, 637 mg sodium.

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BBQ My Way: Bacon wrapped and smoked chicken legs

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I recently decided to buy a pellet grill/smoker, which was a big deal (at least for me) as I had always used charcoal and wood. Today's recipe was absolutely perfect for a pellet grill because you can quickly increase the temperature just as you might with an indoor oven. This recipe was so darn easy and extremely reasonably priced, as I was able to buy 12 large chicken legs for a little over \$6. We fed four people and had leftovers. While a pellet smoker is perfect for this recipe, a smoker and an oven can accomplish the same thing. Heck, my neighbor Tex could even make this on his gas grill, although he has reminded me on more than one occasion that he also has an electric smoker. Let's get started.

Bacon wrapped and smoked chicken legs

- 12 large chicken legs
- 1 package of normal (not thick) cut bacon
- 1 bottle of oil based Italian salad dressing

1. First, pull the skin of the chicken down towards the bottom of the drumstick, and then with a rag or paper towel, pull the skin entirely off of the chicken. The rag or the paper towel is used to get a firm grip on the slippery skin. It speeds up the process.

2. Now, place all the skinless wings in a large zip-close bag. Pour the entire bottle of Italian dressing on the chicken and close the bag halfway. Finally, squeeze the air out of the bag and fully close. Set in the fridge and allow to marinate for two to four hours. After well marinated, begin wrapping each leg in a piece of bacon. I started at a 45-degree angle with the bacon at the meaty portion and finished at the narrow end of the bone. There was no need to secure the bacon with a toothpick but I suppose you could. I placed the legs on a cookie cooling

rack and moved the rack to the smoker set at 225 degrees Fahrenheit. I let the chicken smoke for two hours and then cranked up the temperature to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. The purpose of the higher temperature was to give color to the chicken and crisp up the bacon. You could accomplish the same thing (the higher temperature portion) in an oven. It will still taste smokey because of the low temperature smoking prior to the oven. If using a smoker, I would use hickory. If using a gas grill, use indirect heat on a low setting and a smoke box with smoldering hickory chips. Then crank up the heat while keeping the meat opposite the flame (not directly over it) to crisp things up. Liz even loved these and she's not a huge fan of chicken legs.

3. In terms of the pellet smoker, I am really getting the hang of it and am really enjoying it. If you are contemplating buying a pellet smoker you are welcome to contact me via email with questions and I'll be happy to give you the real scoop, both the good and the challenging. Give this recipe a try. You will like it.



DAVE LOBECK



How to make ketchup, mayo and salsa macha for summertime cookouts

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Early summer proves the perfect time to cook a batch of homemade tomato ketchup, whirl up fresh mayonnaise and enhance everything with fresh herbs.

I am customizing my condiment selection to keep the weekly burgers (meat, poultry and veg variations) interesting. These jars of goodness also will be useful in salads made from grilled chicken or hard-boiled eggs destined for backyard picnics or lakefront lunches.

I've never been a big fan of commercial ketch-

up, which is why I enjoy whipping up a smoky version made with bacon and smoked paprika. Ripe, plum tomatoes cook down into a sweet tenderness, and a whirl in the blender renders them into a smooth sauce. You'll need to allow some cooking time on a cool day. The ketchup will last several weeks and works wonderfully on sliced brisket and smoked turkey.

I love seasoned mayonnaise spread on BLT sandwiches, smeared over fish before broiling and stirred into main-course salads such as chicken and tuna salad. Here, pasteurized eggs will help with food safety issues. Season the lemony mayo with fresh herbs, anchovy or capers. Or use lime rind and lime juice for a

version that's excellent as a dunking sauce for cooked shrimp.

Why buy flavored mustards when you can turn an inexpensive Dijon into something extraordinary? Add Kalamata olive puree and other goodies for a spread you will love straight from the jar. Use it for a unique spin on grilled cheese sandwiches or as a smear for grilled fish or chicken breast.

I've worked and traveled frequently in Mexico for more than two decades. Hands-down, my favorite condiment might be Veracruz's salsa macha — a chile, garlic and nut combination based in oil. Keep a jar on hand to ladle onto just about everything, from the morning's fried eggs to an afternoon hummus snack to the evening's grilled steak entrée. The possibilities for this salsa are endless. It also works on grilled eggplant, fish, chicken, steamed vegetables, cooked grains and small pastas. For a revelation, you can also try it on sliced tomatoes with a splash of lime or balsamic.

A note of caution with all condiments: Be careful not to double-dip serving spoons. Use a clean spoon each time.

Fresh tomato and bacon ketchup

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 50 minutes

Makes: About 2¾ cups

Stir this into sautéed spinach and serve topped with a soft-boiled or fried egg for a savory breakfast bowl.

- 2 thick-cut slices smoky bacon, finely diced (2.5 ounces)
- 2-3 large shallots, finely diced (4 ounces)
- 4 large cloves garlic, minced or crushed
- ½ cup dry red wine
- 5-6 large ripe plum tomatoes, trimmed, diced (1½ pounds)
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1-2 tablespoons agave syrup or corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons tamari or reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika

- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon ground mace or allspice

1. Cook 2 thick-cut slices of smoky bacon in a large saucepan over medium heat until bacon is crisp, about 8 minutes. Add 4 ounces diced shallots. Cook and stir until shallots are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in 4 cloves minced garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add ½ cup dry red wine and boil to reduce to a glaze.

2. Stir in 1½ pounds trimmed and diced plum tomatoes; cook and stir until softened, about 5 minutes.

3. Stir in remaining ingredients. Heat to a boil; reduce heat to very low. Simmer, stirring often, until thick, about 20 minutes. Let cool.

4. Process mixture in blender (cover blender top with a towel to prevent splatters) until pureed smooth.



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5. Return to the saucepan. Heat to a simmer and cook, stirring constantly until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 10 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings if desired with salt and pepper.

6. Pack mixture into covered containers. This will keep in the fridge for a couple of weeks.

Lemony mayonnaise with variations

Prep time: 10 minutes

Makes: About ¾ cup

For food safety, use pasteurized eggs for this mayonnaise. Alternatively, you can treat the eggs as follows: Heat a small saucepan containing several inches of water to simmer. Add 2 (room temperature) eggs in the shell to the water. Cook exactly 1 minute (set a timer). Remove eggs with a slotted spoon to a bowl of ice water to cool. Crack eggs and separate out the yolks for this recipe.



- 2 large egg yolks from pasteurized eggs; see note
- Finely grated rind of 1 small lemon
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard powder
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ⅓ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ⅓ cup safflower oil

Flavor additions (choose 1 or 2): 1 anchovy fillet packed in oil; 1 or 2 tablespoons drained capers; grated rind of 1 lime; 2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs (tarragon, chive, cilantro, dill)

1. Put 2 egg yolks, grated lemon rind, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon dry mustard powder and ¼ teaspoon garlic powder into a blender or small food processor. Process to mix well, scraping sides as needed.
2. With the machine running, very slowly drizzle in ⅓ cup each extra virgin olive oil and safflower oil until mixture is smooth and light.
3. Add any flavor additions. Pulse the machine with on/off turns to incorporate ingredients. Taste and adjust seasonings.
4. Store in a covered jar in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.



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Peanutty salsa macha

Prep time: 30 minutes,
plus 45 minute cooling time

Cook time: 55 minutes

Makes: About 3 cups

I like to use a variety of dried chiles in this versatile, condiment-style salsa/sauce. Shop for dried chiles in supermarkets with a large Mexican food selection. To assess freshness, press the chiles — they should be soft and pliable, not brittle.

- 2-3 ounces dried chile pods, such as ancho, guajillo, pasilla or New Mexico (or use a combination)
- 2 cups extra virgin olive oil
- ⅓ cup chopped dry roasted peanuts
- ¼ cup chopped pecans
- 1-2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- ½ small red onion, chopped
- 4 large cloves garlic, peeled, cut in half
- 1-2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1-2 canned chipotles in adobo, removed from sauce
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano

1. Use kitchen shears to cut stems off of 2-3 ounces dried chiles. Cut chiles open and scrape out seeds. Discard seeds and stems. Use the shears to cut the chiles into 1/2-inch pieces. You will need about 1 generous cup of chile pieces.

2. Put 2 cups extra virgin olive oil into a large saucepan. Heat over medium until warm — not hot, certainly not smoking.

3. Add ⅓ cup chopped dry roasted peanuts, ¼ cup chopped pecans, 1-2 tablespoons sesame seeds, ½ of a chopped small red onion and 4 cloves garlic to the heated oil. Cook, stirring often, until the garlic turns golden, 5-10 minutes. The garlic should not burn and the oil should not smoke.

4. Stir in chopped dried chiles. Remove from heat. Let cool to room temperature, about 45 minutes.

5. Add 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 chipotle chile, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon dried oregano.

6. Carefully transfer mixture to a blender container (work in batches if necessary). Use on/off turns to finely chop all the solids. Do not puree. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more vinegar, chipotle and salt as desired.

7. Transfer to small covered containers. Use at room temperature. Store in the refrigerator for up to several weeks. Let stand at room temperature to allow oil to warm up before using.



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BBQ My Way: How to make the perfect steak

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I have been on a lifelong quest — well, at least the past 40 years — to prepare and present the perfect steak. One disclaimer. Please realize it is almost impossible to compete with the steaks offered at top steakhouses, places like Jeff Ruby's, Ruth's Chris Steak House, etc., primarily due to two reasons.

First, top-end steakhouses typically dominate the “prime” beef supply. “Prime” is the top of the pyramid in terms of quality and marbling and accounts for only 3% of the national beef supply. The second reason is most of these steakhouses dry-age their steaks for sometimes over a month. The end result is a supremely tender steak with an enriched and intense beef flavor. That's why they charge what they charge for a steak. I've seen YouTube videos on how to set up a dry-aging station at home, and as much as it fascinates me I haven't given that a try. Maybe soon.

Recently we took a trip to Logan Street Market in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. I came across a meat market there that specializes in harvesting beef from local farmers, and they had some beautiful, thickly cut, well-marbled rib-eyes. The proprietor could not say they were “prime” (they hadn't gone through the United States Department of Agriculture to officially earn that designation), but they certainly looked prime to me. They were almost 2 inches thick. I grabbed two of them to feed five people. Let's get started.

A bit of background first. I have always been a proponent of the reverse sear method, with some smoking included. Years ago I started a bit of a unique trend where I used my kettle grill to smoke and then sear. Why was it unique? I used a hickory log placed on one side of the grill to hold the coals in place. I nestled the coals up to the wood and placed the steaks on the side opposite to coals, which meant the steaks were not directly over the coals. As the log smoldered (lid on with vents one-half open) it slowly smoked the steaks. I then finished them directly over the coals. It was brilliant. The log was reusable many times over.

This original technique still works, but in this case I was able to use my pellet smoker/grill as well as my outdoor flattop. First, I liberally seasoned all sides of these huge steaks (including the edges) with coarse sea salt, coarsely ground black pepper and granulated garlic. I allowed them to come to room temperature (this took 90 minutes or so due to the thickness) and then placed them on my smoker set to 175 degrees Fahrenheit. I allowed them to smoke until the internal temperature hit 115 degrees or so. This took a bit over one hour. Lastly, I brought the flattop up to 450 degrees or so, put some butter down and laid out the steaks to the most glorious “sizzle.” I pressed

down a bit with a large spatula (not too hard) to make sure all of the surface made contact with the flattop to create the crust. I did the same with the other side and all edges of the steak. I pulled the steaks when we hit 130 degrees internally, then let them rest for seven to eight minutes.

The conclusion? They had obtained both a light smoky flavor as well as a perfect crust, which you expect in high-end restaurants. Were they perfect? Darn close, despite not having the benefit of dry-aging.

What have you done lately to up your steak game? Drop me an email and let me know!

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Tips for hosting a crawfish boil at home

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If you're up for tackling a crawfish boil at home, you'll need the appropriate gear.

Most home cooks use a large outdoor propane cooker, a boiling pot with a lid and perforated boiling basket, and some kind of stirring paddle. I've seen people use anything from a baseball bat to a garden rake, so, there are options.

Additionally, you'll need a couple of ice chests and a big wash tub or bucket in which to hose the crawfish down (that's called purging) and — if you're going the traditional route — a large table and either butcher block paper or newspaper with which to cover it. Plan for approxi-

mately two to three pounds of crawfish per person (although Louisianans will claim they can usually eat five).

Next, you'll need a good boil recipe. Zatarain's crawfish seasoning is a favorite for many boil-masters, and their recipe combines their boil seasoning with lemons, garlic, onions, celery, potatoes and corn on the cob. Feel free to add in links of andouille or another type of smoked sausage, too. If you're boiling more than one batch, keep in mind that the boils at the end will be the most concentrated — and the saltiest.

Lastly, because these are still pandemic times, it's not a bad idea to check with your guests to make sure everyone is either vaccinated or comfortable with the communal setup.

Zatarain's crawfish boil

Serves 20

- 3 pounds yellow onions
- 6 heads garlic
- 6 lemons, halved
- 1 (73-ounce) package Zatarain's Preseasoned Crab Boil
- 4 pounds small red potatoes
- 1 sack (35 to 40 pounds) live crawfish, cleaned
- 1 bunch celery, cut into bite-sized pieces
- ¼ cup Zatarain's Concentrated Shrimp & Crab Boil (liquid)
- 1 box Zatarain's Crawfish, Shrimp & Crab Boil
- 12 frozen mini corn-on-the-cob pieces

1. Fill an 80-quart crawfish boiling pot with a basket with water, about a third to a halfway full. Place the pot on a jet-style propane burner on high heat. Add onions, garlic and lemon halves. (You can use a small laundry bag for lemons and garlic, or just leave the onions in the mesh bag they come in from the grocery store with the tags removed.)

2. Bring to a full rolling boil. Stir in the preseasoned crab boil package and add potatoes. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Boil 20 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender. Remove potatoes.

3. Return the water to a full rolling boil on high heat. Add the crawfish, celery, concentrated liquid crab boil and the box of crawfish, shrimp and crab boil. Return water to full rolling boil on high heat. Start checking doneness just before water returns to full rolling boil. As soon as small gaps start to appear between the head and the tail on the largest crawfish, they are done. Turn off heat.

4. Add the frozen corn and cooked potatoes. Let the boil stand 15 minutes. Remove corn and potatoes. Let crawfish stand for a minimum of 30 minutes before eating (45 minutes is better).



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Pasta salad with chicken and sun-dried tomato

BY **GRETCHEN MCKAY**
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It's time to move meals outdoors. It's hot in front of your stove, and don't you want to enjoy the sunshine or a summer sunset?

Pasta salads are ideal for deck and porch dining because you don't have to heat them up. They also come together in no time and make excellent leftover lunches.

This recipe can be adapted to personal tastes in so many ways. If you don't like arugula, substitute finely cut baby spinach, shredded kale or a handful of fresh basil. Roma or

cherry tomatoes can stand in for sun-dried. Trade the lemon aioli for a tangy balsamic vinaigrette. Garnish with some olives or your favorite chopped herbs. Anything goes!

I used busiate Trapanesi, a long twisted pasta from Sicily, because it is pretty and just feels fancy. Easier-to-find options include rotini, farfalle, fusilli or tube pastas like penne.

Like all good summer salads, this one can be served at room temperature or chilled, with some crusty Italian bread for scooping up dressing.

Pasta salad with chicken and sun-dried tomato

Serves 4

- ½ pound spiral pasta such as fusilli or busiate
- 1½ to 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 2 large handfuls baby arugula (about 2 cups)
- ⅓ cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes in oil, or more or less to taste
- ¼ to ⅓ cup creamy lemon dressing (recipe follows)
- ½ cup shredded fresh mozzarella

For dressing: whisk together ½ cup plain yogurt, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, juice and zest of 1 lemon, 1 minced garlic clove and 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Can keep in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil for the pasta. When it's boiling, add a few generous pinches of salt and add the pasta. Cook until al dente, according to package instructions (12 minutes for busiate). Drain pasta and place in a large serving bowl.

2. Add chicken, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and mozzarella to bowl, and toss gently to combine.

3. Add lemon dressing, a little at a time, until desired finish. Mix one last time.



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Colorful, fruity salad a bright addition to Fourth of July festivities

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Celebrate July 4 with this colorful salad. It's made with refreshing watermelon, sweet blueberries and cooked chicken breast. They combine to give a pleasing sweet and savory taste and a variety of textures to the salad. Enjoy this easy meal anytime during the hot summer months.

The citrus dressing goes well with the sweet watermelon and blueberries. It takes only a minute to mix together.

Helpful hints:

- You can use any type of oil and vinegar dressing instead of the citrus dressing in the recipe.
- You can use walnuts or pecans instead of pistachios.
- You can use any type of greens for the salad.

Countdown:

- Make the dressing and set aside.
- Assemble the salad.

To buy: 1 quarter watermelon, 1 large bag washed, ready-to-eat lettuce, 1 container arugula, 1 large container blueberries, 10 ounces rotisserie or other cooked chicken breast, 1 small package pistachios, 1 lime and 1 jar Dijon mustard.

Staples: canola oil.



LINDA GASSENHEIMER

Red white and blue celebration salad

Yield 2 servings.

- 2 cups watermelon cubes
- 6 cups salad greens
- 2 cups arugula
- 2 cups blueberries
- 10 ounces rotisserie chicken breast, skin and bones removed (about 2 ½ cups cubed)
- ¼ cup pistachios

For citrus dressing

- 2 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons canola oil

1. Cut watermelon into 1-inch cubes. Add salad greens and arugula to a large bowl. Add the watermelon, blueberries and chicken.

2. Mix the lime juice and Dijon mustard together in a small bowl until smooth. Add 1 tablespoon oil and mix the ingredients together until smooth. Add the second tablespoon olive oil and mix until smooth. Add the dressing to the salad bowl and toss well. Divide the salad between two dinner plates and sprinkle the pistachios on top.

3. Per serving: 581 calories (42% from fat), 26.9 g fat (3 g saturated, 13.7 g monounsaturated), 126 mg cholesterol, 46.1 g protein, 43.8 g carbohydrates, 156 mg sodium.

Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer

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A sparkly spangly flag cake for your holiday celebration

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One of my favorite annual traditions is making this super-simple flag cake with my daughter. Yes, turning a cake into an American flag is somewhat cliché, but if you consider this the best way to dress up berry shortcake then it's as fun to make as it is to share.

This charming, whipped cream-frosted cake has a colorful surprise inside. It's what makes this vanilla-cake-meets-berry-shortcake recipe stand out from the rest.

To make a big impact, portions of the batter are dyed red and blue and then swirled into the pan to create a patriotic surprise inside.

A sweetened whipped cream is the best topping for this cake, as it complements both the cake and the berries. Use blueberries and sliced strawberries to decorate the top of the cake.

Flag Cake Serves 16

Cooking spray

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- ¾ cup canola oil, or melted and cooled unsalted butter
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- Red food coloring / Blue food coloring

For the whipped topping:

- 2 cups cold heavy cream
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups fresh strawberries, stemmed and sliced
- 1½ cups fresh blueberries

Make the cake:

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 350 F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray; set aside.

2. Whisk the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in together a large bowl. Add the eggs, oil or butter, milk and vanilla and mix with an electric hand mixer on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute.



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3. Pour ½ of the batter into the prepared baking pan. Divide the remaining batter between two bowls. Dye one red with 3 to 4 drops of red food coloring, and dye the other blue with 4 to 5 drops of blue food coloring. Dollop the red and blue batter onto the white cake batter. You can do a pattern or random placement.

4. Bake until the cake is lightly browned and springs back when tapped gingerly, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Remove the cake from the pan and cool completely on the rack.

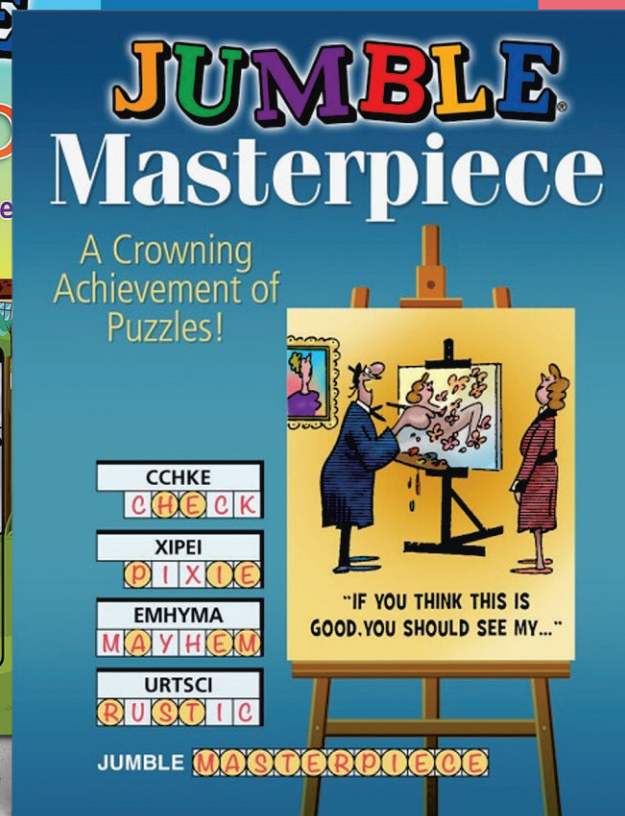
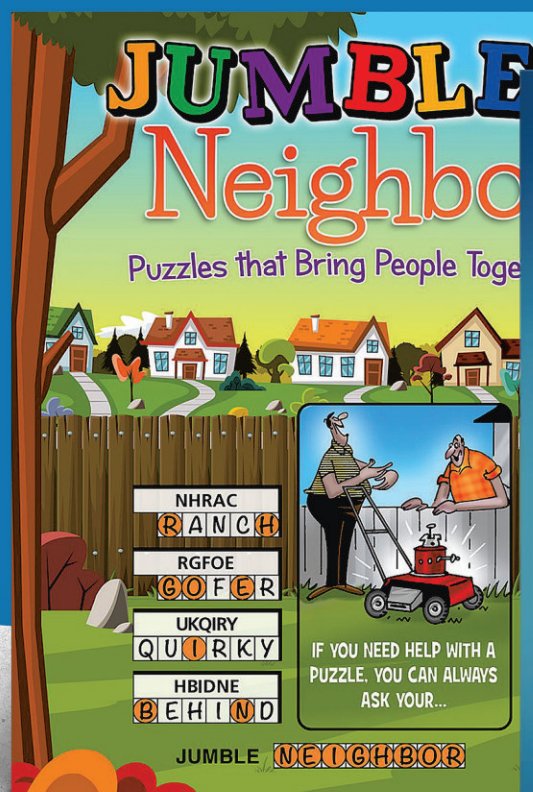
Make the whipped topping:

1. Place the cream, sugar and vanilla in a large bowl. Beat with an electric hand mixer on medium-high speed until stiff peaks form.

2. Cover the entire cake with the whipped cream frosting. Arrange the berries in a flag shape by making a square of blueberries in the top left corner and then making stripes with the sliced strawberries. You can use a small offset spatula to mark lines for the stripes, if needed.

3. Refrigerate the cake for up to 4 hours before serving or serve immediately.

Recipe note: The cake can be baked, cooled, wrapped and stored in the fridge several days in advance. Bring to room temperature before frosting.



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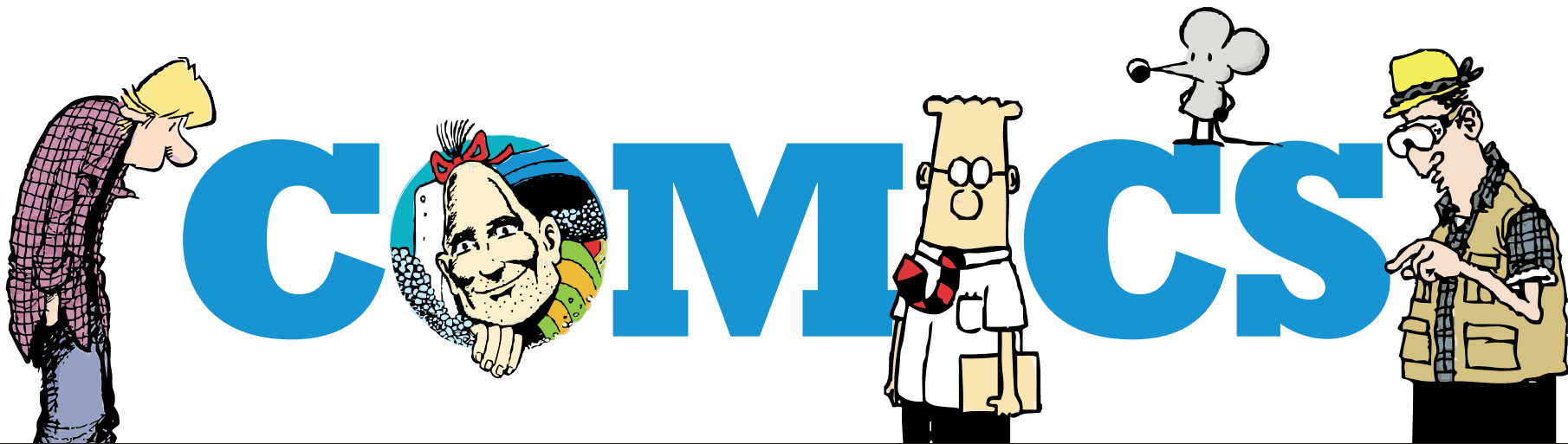


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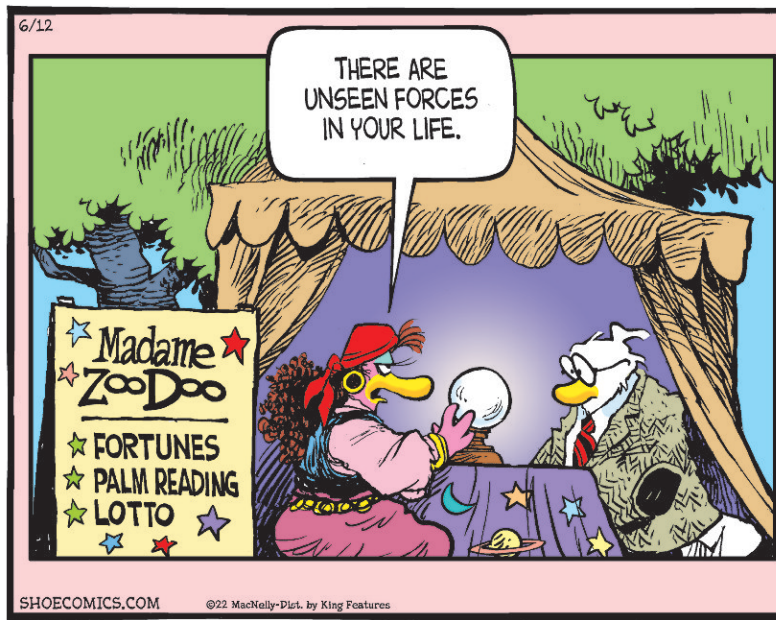
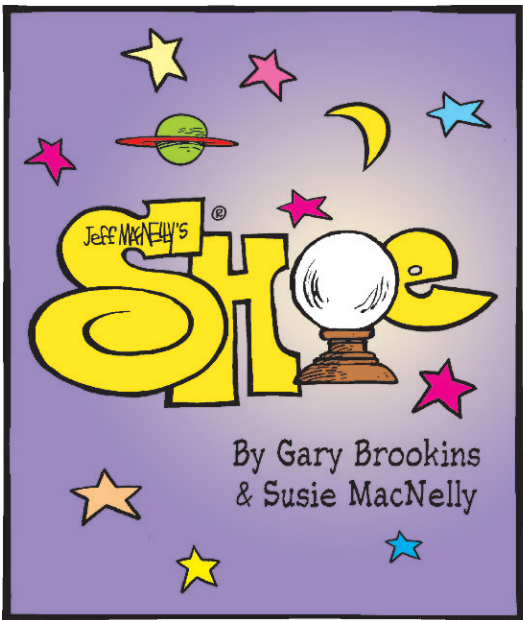
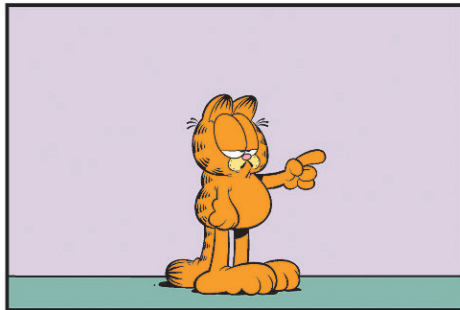
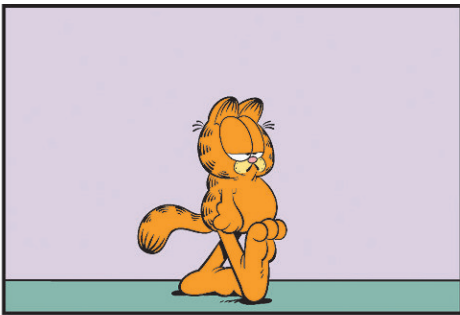
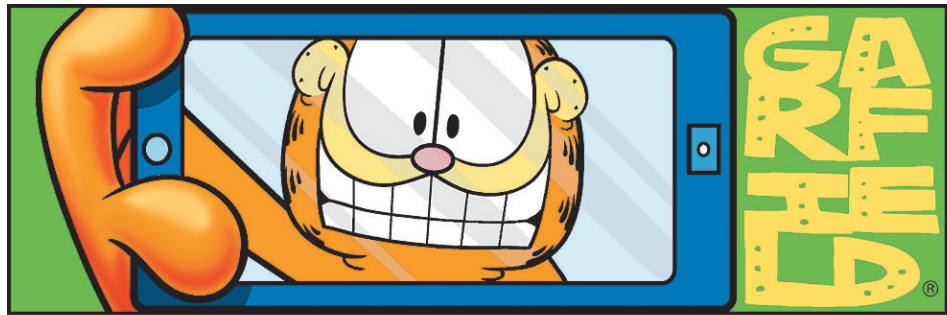
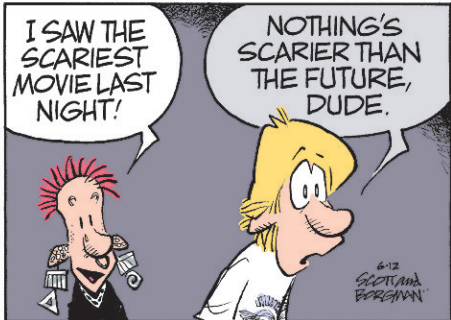
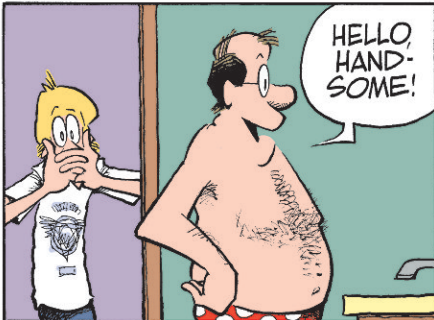
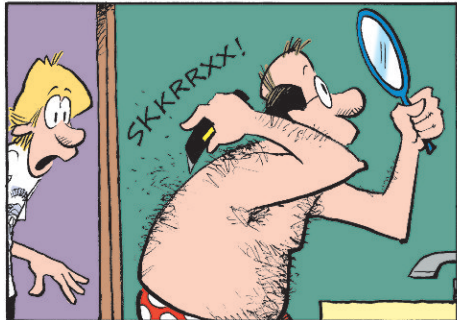
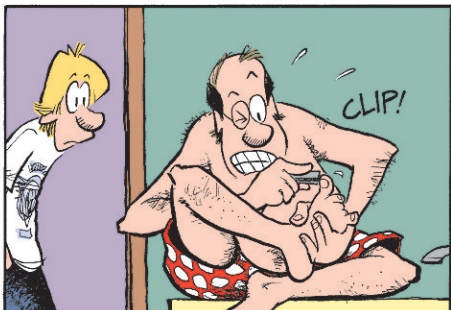
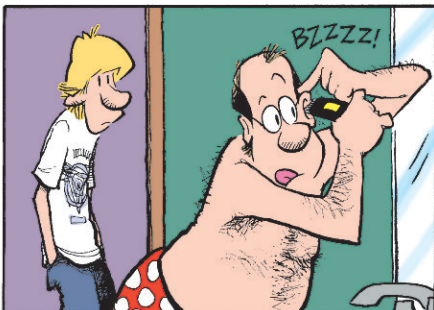
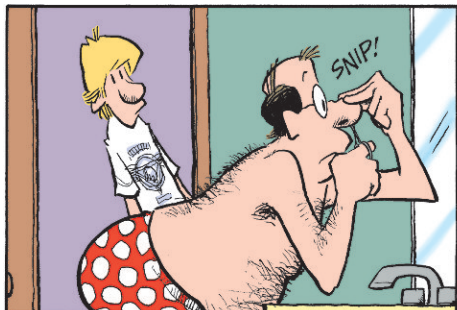
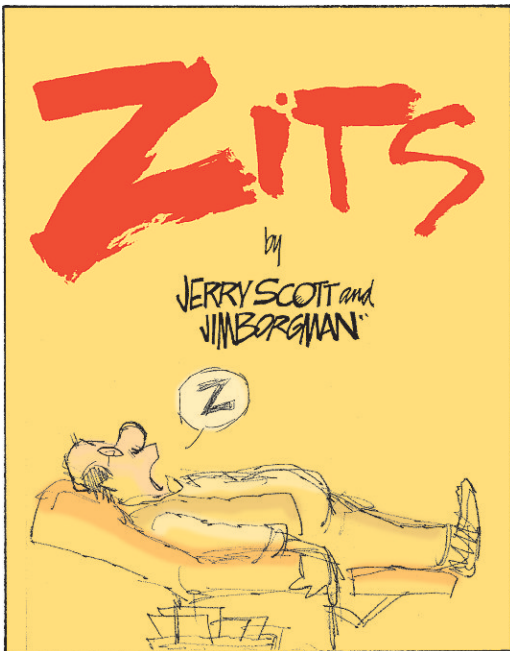
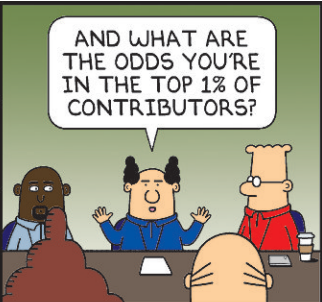
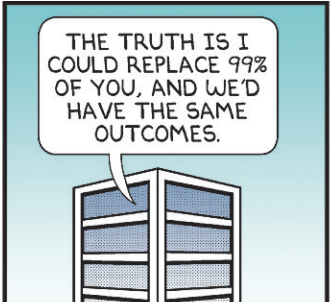
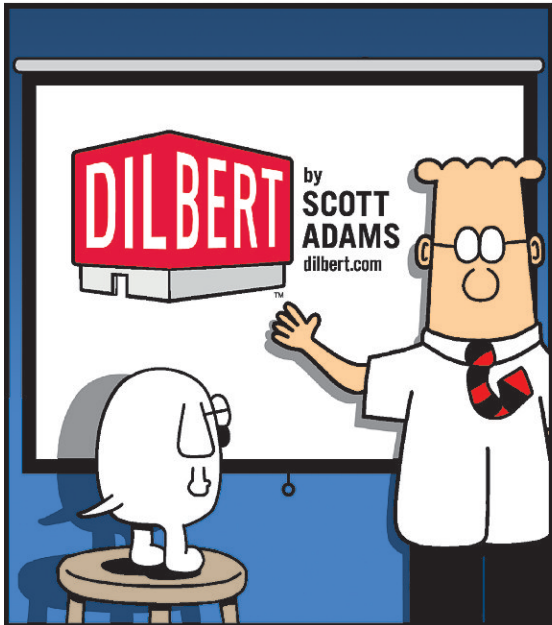
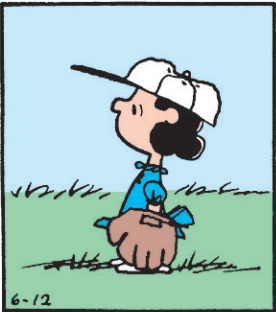
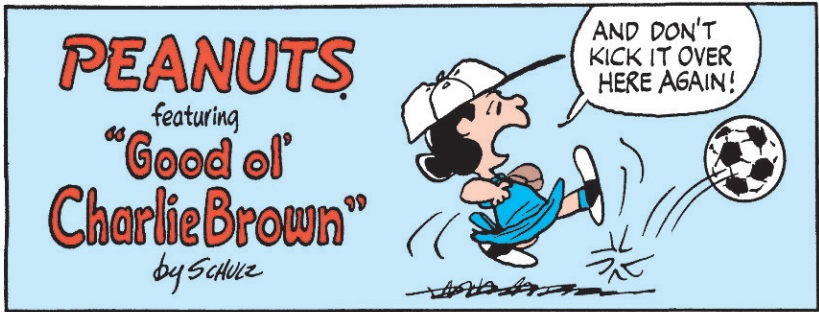
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NOT LIKELY.

WE PULLED UP IN AN UBER, AND ENTERED THROUGH V.I.P. ACCESS!

TRICKS OF THE TRADE!

BLENDING IN WITH A HUGE CROWD IS EASY!

SEE, NICOLE? ALMOST HALFTIME, AND NOBODY HAS-

LOOK WHO'S HERE, SPORTS FANS! MARCUS AND NICOLE!

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By SYNN JOHANSEN

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T FIND HER? WE HAVE TO BE AT A WEDDING IN 15 MINUTES!!

APRIL?

APRIL!!!

I FOUND HER, MOM... SHE'S OUTSIDE.

OUTSIDE?!!!

WELL, THANK HEAVENS! ... AT LEAST SHE'S NOT DIRTY.

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

THIS PLACE HAS A 5-STAR RATING ON YELP.

I'M SURE IT WILL BE GREAT.

YIKES! THAT WAS EXPENSIVE.

YOUR PRICES ARE MUCH BETTER, TOO.

I LIKE GOING OUT TO DINNER, BUT I PREFER YOUR HOME COOKING.

MAYBE I SHOULD START CHARGING FOR MY MEALS.

DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

SO WHAT ARE Y'ALL WATCHING?

SO WHAT ARE Y'ALL WATCHING?

FRAZZ

BY JEF MALLETT

WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO MAKE THOSE BILLBOARDS THAT CHANGE?

YOU'RE DRIVING ALONG AND ONE CATCHES YOUR EYE.

YOU SCAN IT UNTIL YOU FIND THE CORNER WITH THE INFORMATION YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

JUST AS IT CHANGES TO AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DISPLAY

USUALLY ONE YOU AREN'T REALLY AS INTERESTED IN.

I KNOW IT'S JUST ADVERTISING, BUT IT'S IRRITATING.

AT LEAST, LIKE YOU SAY, IT'S JUST ADVERTISING

I DON'T GET IT.

OH, YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET IT.

MUTTS

BY PATRICK M'DONNELL

A CNN DOC ON THE '70S.

UNCLE ZONK?

YES, ELI?

THE ROOKIE ACE GOES INTO HIS WINDUP

AND...

OKAY, MUTT,

GIVE US OUR BALL BACK!

THERE IS NO JOY IN MUTTVILLE.

DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

WELL, LET ME SEE...

OH, WAIT, I REMEMBER NOW - NO! I DIDN'T!

SO MUCH HISTORY BAKED INTO THAT LIE.

TOO MUCH. I TOTALLY BLANKED ON THE RIGHT ANSWER.

REX MORGAN

BY TERRY BEATTY

REX SPEAKS TO THE STREET SWEEPER ON THE PHONE, WHILE SNAKE HAS ESCAPED FROM HIS HANDCUFFS.

MAYBE I'VE MADE A MISTAKE. MAYBE THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE

TURNING YOURSELF IN BEFORE ANYONE GETS HURT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA.

I'M JUST SO CONFUSED. I THOUGHT I COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

YOU STILL CAN, BUT MAYBE NOT BY PLAYING SUPERHERO.

THANKS, DR. MORGAN. YOU MAKE A LOT OF SENSE. I'LL TELL THE POLICE I'M READY TO GIVE UP.

TOO BAD FOR YOU, I'M NOT.

WHAM!

OW! MY ARM!

I'LL TAKE MY GUN BACK, SWEEPERMAN. NOW, WHERE'S THE BACK DOOR TO THIS DUMP?

IN THE BACK. WHERE ELSE? OW...

MOTHER GOOSE GRIMM

WHAT? HAMBURGERS AGAIN?... I'M SICK OF HAMBURGERS.

PETER PAN AND WENDY

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

I DON'T LIKE BEING SO POWERLESS IN THIS WORLD. JUST STAND UP AND SAY YOU'RE OFFENDED BY SOMETHING.

I'M OFFENDED BY SOMETHING.

WHO WRONGED YOU LIKE THAT? JUST GIVE US A NAME! THEIR MICRO-AGGRESSION SHALL NOT STAND!

YOUR FEELINGS MUST NEVER BE HARMED! YOUR PATH SHALL BE PAVED WITH PILLOWS AND RAINBOWS!

FOR THAT POOR PIGGY HAS THE GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO NEVER BE OFFENDED AGAIN!

IT'S QUITE THE ERA. I'M OFFENDED BY THIS COMIC.

ROSE IS ROSE

By Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

FRESH CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES! ENJOY!

Non Sequitur

by Wiley

FoxTrot

YOUR 16-INCH CHEESE PIZZAS COST \$17.99 AND YOUR 12-INCH ONES COST \$14.99? UM, CORRECT.

WE'D LIKE TO ORDER THE DIFFERENCE. THE WHAT?

A 16-INCH-DIAMETER CIRCLE HAS AN AREA OF 201 SQUARE INCHES AND A 12-INCH-DIAMETER CIRCLE HAS AN AREA OF 113 SQUARE INCHES.

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MY FRIEND STEVE SAYS YOU VERY BRIEFLY STOPPED BY THE PIZZA SHOP TODAY. YOUR FRIEND STEVE NEEDS A MATH TUTOR.

EEK! WE NEED TO GET IN THE WATER...IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!!

BALDO

AND NOW FOR THE WARNING NOTE...

PLEASE DON'T STEAL MY FOOD THANKS! HATE TO BREAK THE NEWS, SHAKESPEARE...

MAYBE NICE WILL WORK BETTER.

BUT YOUR BALONEY SANDWICH IS GONE.

Hal Foster's Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

IT IS THE DUTY OF A KNIGHT TO REPORT TO HIS KING—OR, IN ARTHUR'S ABSENCE, HIS REGENTS—WHEN RETURNED FROM A TOUR.

BUT, IN THE CASE OF PRINCE VALIANT AND HIS REGENT SON ARN, WHO HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ON DUTY, CIVILITY IS SOON LOST, IF NOT OUTRIGHT MURDERED.

EAT THIS AND DIE!!

GALAHAD AND MAEVE, ARN'S WIFE AND FELLOW REGENT, ARE USED TO THESE FAMILIAL FAILINGS... AND WHEN IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT NO GOOD WILL COME OF THE MEETING, ALETA IS SUMMONED, AND THE TWO MEN ARE COAXED APART.

THEY'RE CALLED DRAGONFLIES, YOU BIG WEEENIE, NOT FLYING DRAGONS.

TOM-AY-TO, TOM-AH-TO

ALETA PLAYS ON VAL'S EGO TO CALM HER SIMMERING HUSBAND. "YOU MUST TELL ME OF LOCKBRAMBLE, AND — OH! I HAD A DREAM! I DREAMED YOU SUMMONED ME. AND I BATTLED MORGAN LE FAY. AND, AFTER THAT, MY RAVENS COULD NOT FIND YOU."

"YES" CRIES A SURPRISED VAL. "IT WAS TRUE! YOU AND YOUR MAGICS RESCUED ME FROM HER SPELL!"

ALETA LAUGHS. "YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D LEAVE YOU TO THAT CONNING SORCERESS?"

ALETA IS QUIET FOR A BIT, AND THEN: "I WOULD LIKE TO MEET HER ONE DAY." VAL REPLIES: "I BELIEVE YOU WILL."

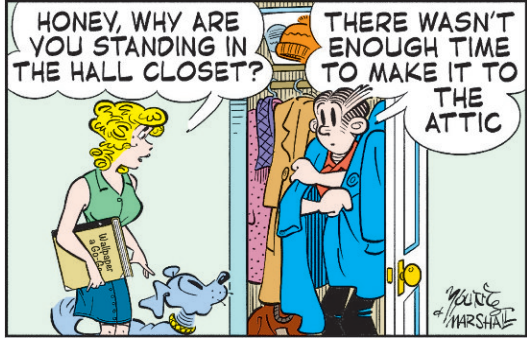
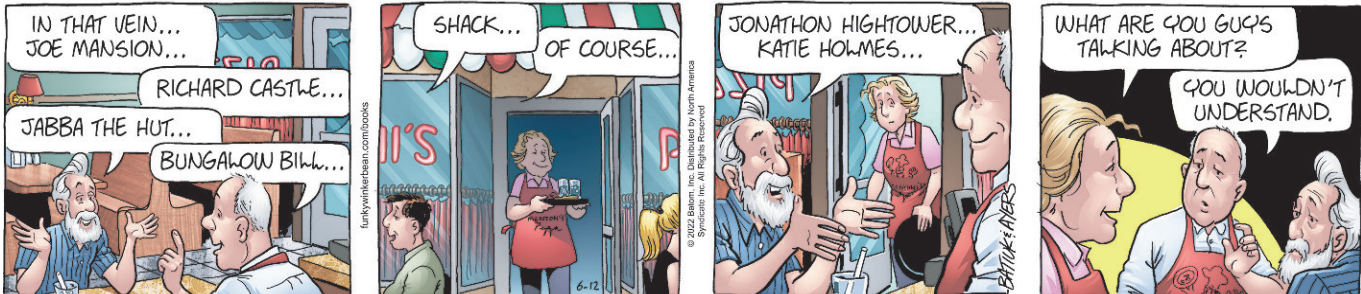
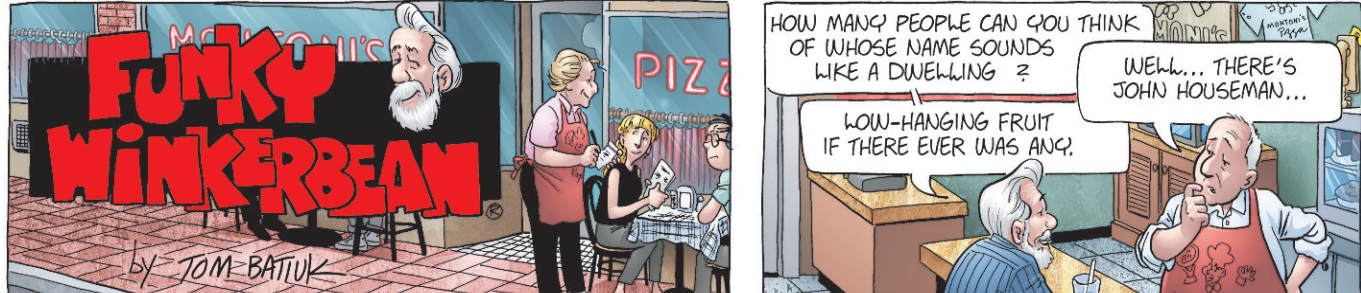
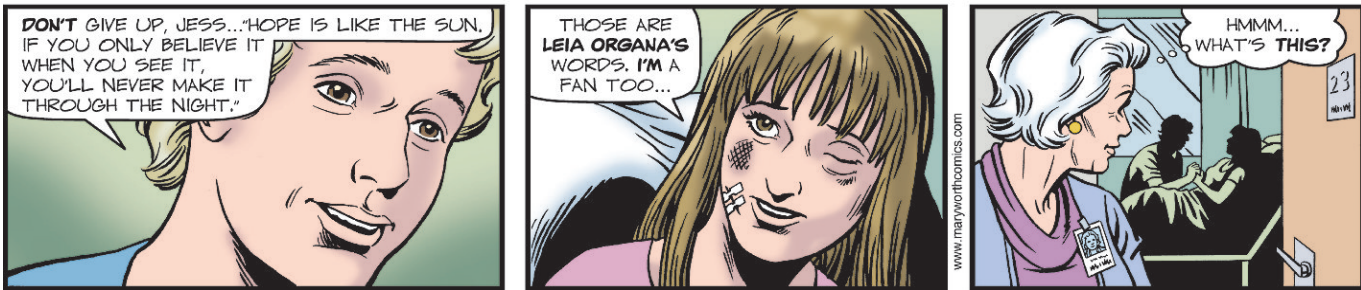
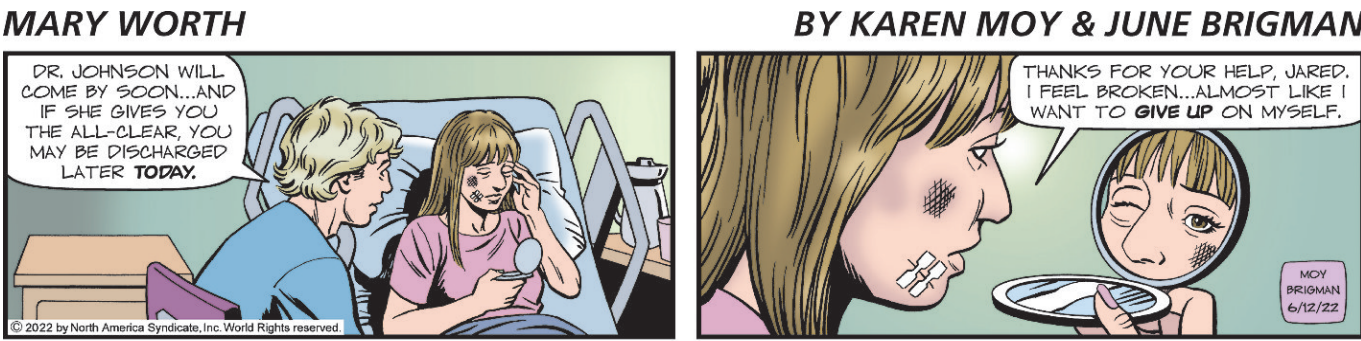
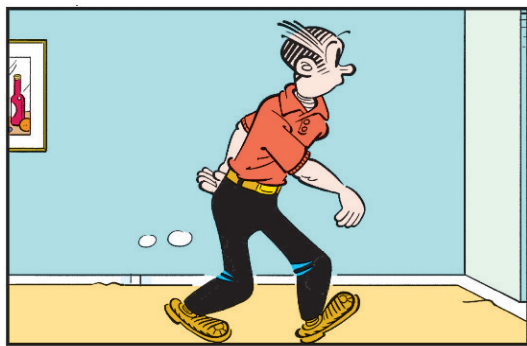
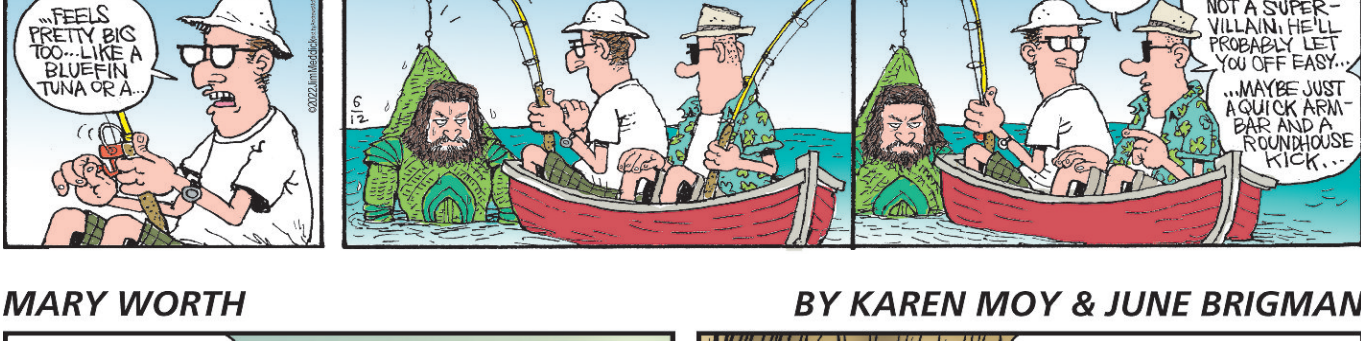
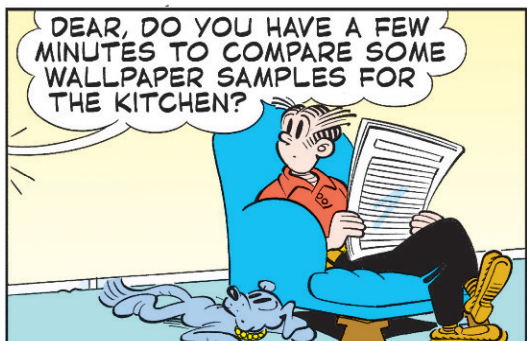
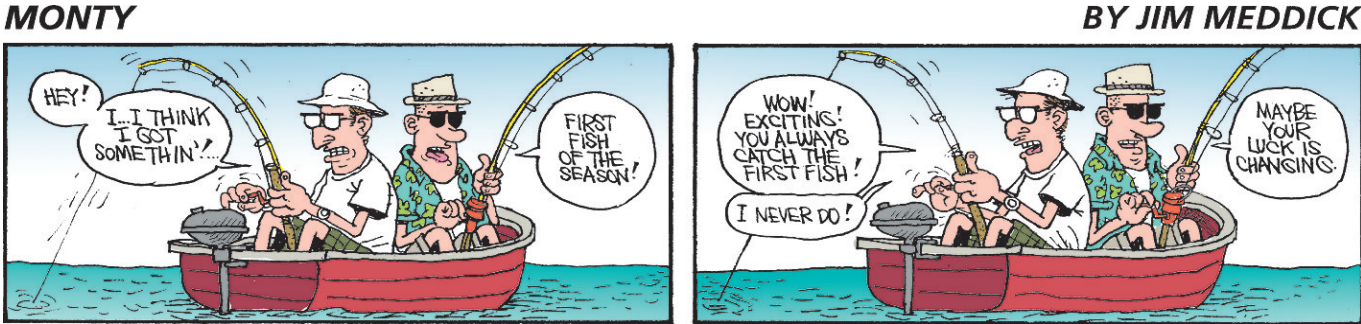
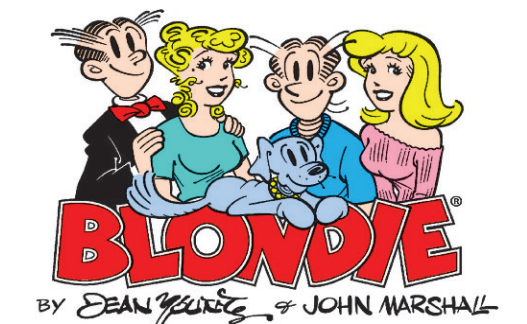
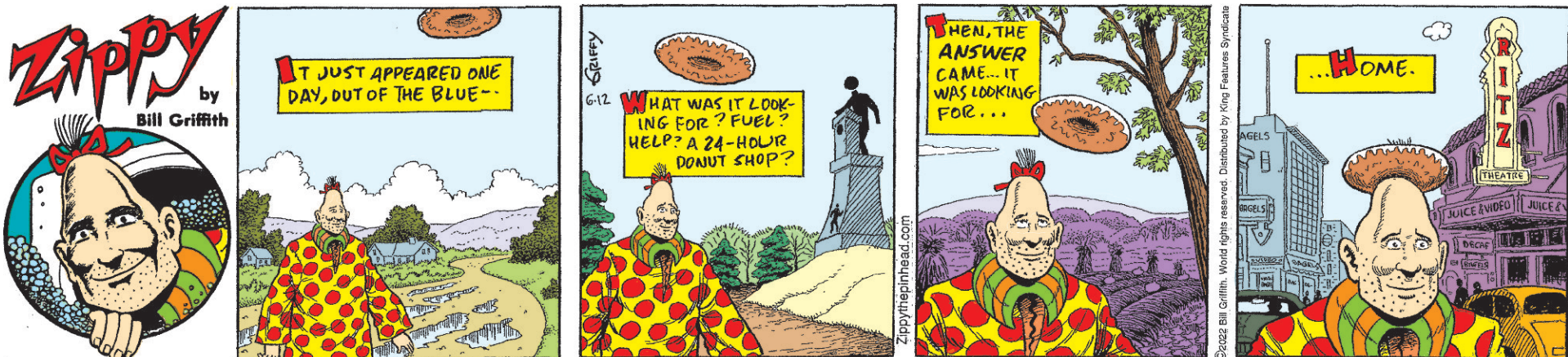
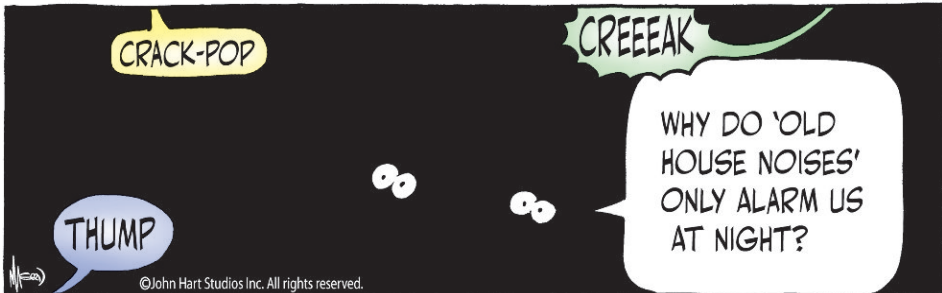
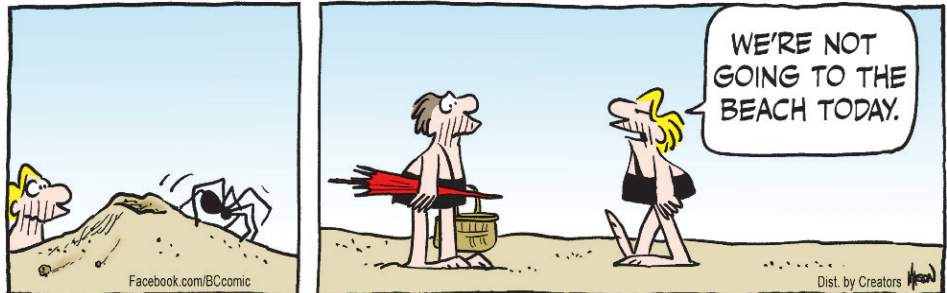
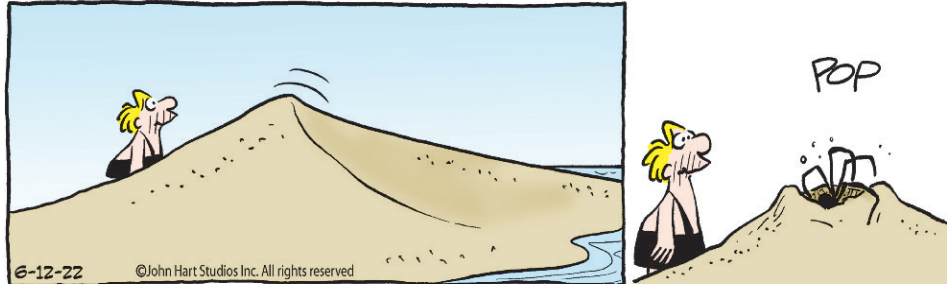
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THE MANY TALENTS OF

DAKOTA JOHNSON

Johnson, 32, plays a single mom befriended by a recent college grad (Cooper Raiff) in the comedy-drama *Cha Cha Real Smooth* (June 17 in select theaters and on Apple TV+). Here are some fun facts about the *Fifty Shades of Grey* star, who is the daughter of **Melanie Griffith** and **Don Johnson**.



She made her film debut at age 9 in *Crazy Alabama*: She played the daughter of a character portrayed by her mother, and it was directed by her then-stepfather, Antonio Banderas.

In 2006, she was the first second-generation Miss Golden Globe in history, following in her mother's footsteps.



◀ Johnson's boyfriend of nearly five years is Coldplay lead singer **Chris Martin** (formerly married to Gwyneth Paltrow).

She has 12 tattoos, her favorite being a quote, "Lightly, my darling," from the book *Island* by Aldous Huxley.

An animal rights activist, she once saved 12 horses from being killed by donating funds needed to maintain their equestrian center.

She began modeling at age 12—for *Teen Vogue*—and continued throughout high school.

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

BRYAN CRANSTON

The *Breaking Bad* and *Malcolm in the Middle* star, 66, takes on a real-life role in *Jerry and Marge Go Large* (June 17 on Paramount+). The film is based on the true story of retiree Jerry Selbee (Cranston), who, with his wife, Marge (Annette Bening), organized a betting group and won millions in the lottery—after discovering a mathematical loophole—and used the money to help their small Michigan town.



Are you ever tempted to buy a lottery ticket? I would use Jerry's advice on that: No; normally, it's a sucker's bet. That's why he didn't play before he saw the flaw in the math on the game of Winfall. He was able to take advantage of that in a legal way for the betterment of not only his family but many, many families in this little town of Evart, Michigan.

Did you want to do *Jerry and Marge* because it's such a feel-good movie? I wanted to do it was because we were all in COVID shutdown and feeling the restrictions of that. And I thought, *I just want to do something that uplifts everyone*. It's not going to put any added anxiety into your life; it'll alleviate that. And it gives a little boost for the little guy.

How close to the truth is *Jerry and Marge Go Large*? Everything that happened in the movie did happen, just not necessarily in the time frame that it happened.

You've played President Lyndon B. Johnson and screenwriter Dalton Trumbo. What's your approach to "keeping it real"? Whenever I'm playing a real character, I have no intention of doing impersonations. I'm not Rich Little. What I want to do is get to their core essence.

How does it feel to be godfather to the baby of your *Breaking Bad* co-star Aaron Paul? My first question to him was, "How much does it pay?" Once we negotiated the terms, I was all in [laughs]. To be able to be the godparent to Ryden is a thrill for me. I'm not a grandparent yet; I hope to become one at some point, but until that happens, I'll get my grandparent fix on this.

What mundane household chore does he boast that he performs at "expert level"? Go to [Parade.com/cranston](https://www.parade.com/cranston) to find out.



IRON CHEF IS BACK!

Iron Chef: Quest for an Iron Legend (June 15 on Netflix) heats up the kitchen with a supersized approach to the groundbreaking culinary competition that started it all in 2005. Under the watchful eyes of hosts **Alton Brown** and *Top Chef* season 10 winner **Kristen Kish**, five new Iron Chefs will face off against challengers for the chance to be named the first-ever Iron Legend. "It's bigger, better, smarter and, well, foodier than ever before," says Brown, 59. "And I'm honored to be right in the middle of it."

EMMA THOMPSON BARES ALL

Oscar-winning Thompson plays a retired schoolteacher looking for intimacy in *Good Luck to You, Leo Grande* (June 17 on Hulu). When her passionless marriage ends, Nancy Stokes employs a young man, Leo Grande (Daryl McCormack), sparking her sensual awakening and providing a genuinely human connection. "It was like nothing I'd ever read before," says Thompson, 63, the acclaimed British actress whose numerous other films include *Sense and Sensibility*, *Saving Mr. Banks*, *The Remains of the Day*, *Love Actually* and *Cruella*. "It was so funny and so moving. I laughed so hard, I was in tears."

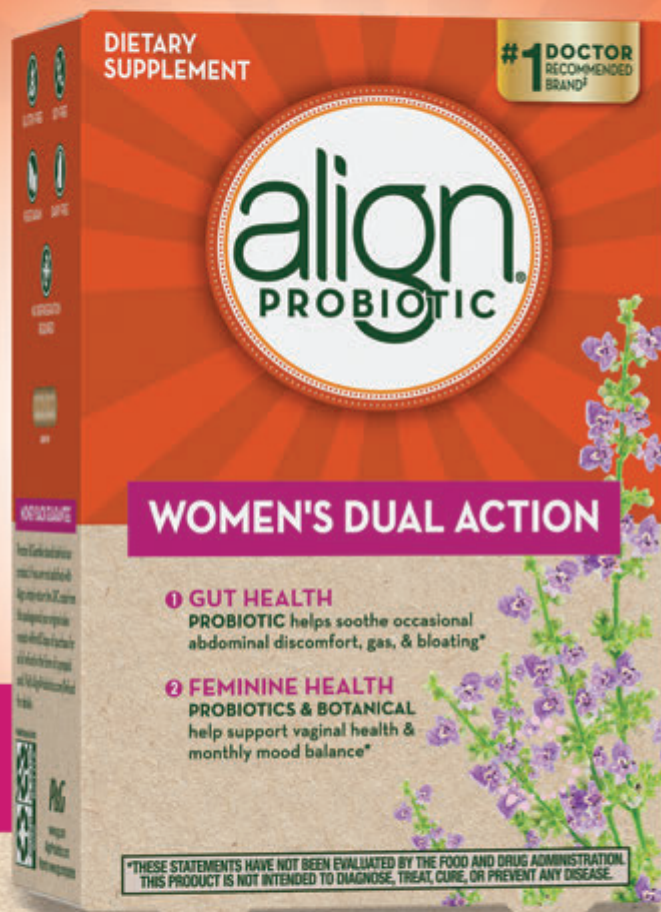


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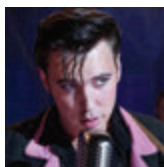
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CAN'T GET ENOUGH



Tom Hanks and **Austin Butler** star in the Baz Luhrmann-directed biopic *Elvis* (in theaters June 24), about Elvis Presley's rise to fame and complicated relationship with his manipulative manager (Hanks). Inspired by Butler (*Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*), who plays the titular role, we looked at other actors who have donned those blue suede shoes. —Megan O'Neill Melle



1 KURT RUSSELL Lucky Russell got to borrow Presley's dazzling White Comet jumpsuit (named the Adonis suit) for the 1979 ABC television movie *Elvis*. Years later, an uncredited Russell voiced Presley's short scene in *Forrest Gump* (1994), when a young Forrest learns those pelvis-shaking dance moves.

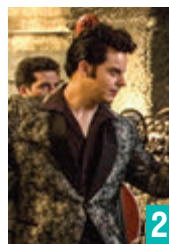
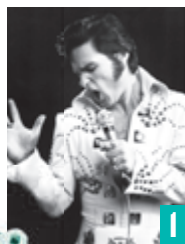
2 JACK WHITE In 2007's *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story*, a spoof on music biopics, White Stripes musician White plays Presley (alongside other celeb cameos, including Paul Rudd, Jack Black, Justin Long and Jason Schwartzman as the Beatles).

3 MICHAEL SHANNON Based on an untold true story (and one of the most requested photographs in the National Archives), 2016's *Elvis & Nixon* stars Shannon as Presley, who meets with Kevin Spacey's President Nixon at the White House.

4 DAVID KEITH In 1988's *Heartbreak Hotel*, a teenage boy and his rock 'n' roll band plot to kidnap Elvis, played by Keith, to cheer up the teen's ailing mom.

5 DON JOHNSON The 1981 TV movie *Elvis and the Beauty Queen*, about the rocker's love affair with a pageant contestant during the final years of his life, features Johnson as Presley.

6 TYLER HILTON A young Elvis, played by Hilton, records in front of Johnny Cash at the famous Sun Studio in the 2005 film *Walk the Line*, starring Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon.



7 HARVEY KEITEL In the quirky road trip drama *Finding Graceland* (1998), Keitel plays a wisdom-yielding hitchhiker claiming to be Elvis on a journey to Memphis.

8 VAL KILMER In Quentin Tarantino's *True Romance* (1993), Kilmer makes an appearance as an apparition of the jailhouse rocker.

9 BRUCE CAMPBELL Now a resident in a nursing home, Elvis (Campbell) joins forces with a Black "John F. Kennedy" (Ossie Davis) to combat an ancient evil in the 2002 comedy-horror flick *Bubba Ho-Tep*.

Go to [Parade.com/elvis](https://www.parade.com/elvis) for movie streaming info.

ELVIS IN HOLLYWOOD

Top picks from his prolific onscreen career, which includes more than 30 films and 23 movie soundtracks.

JAILHOUSE ROCK (1957) A young felon becomes a rock star (with the help of his country-crooning cellmate).

LOVING YOU (1957)

This semi-autobiographical film follows a delivery boy turned country music artist reaching superstardom.



KING CREOLE (1958)

Elvis is school dropout Danny Fisher, a talented musician performing in New Orleans nightclubs, trying to shake a life of crime.



BLUE HAWAII (1961)

An Army vet goes home to Hawaii, where he tries his hand as a tour guide, much to the disappointment of his mother (Angela Lansbury).



VIVA LAS VEGAS (1964)

The King (starring alongside love interest Ann-Margret) plays a race-car driver performing in Sin City to fund his new engine.



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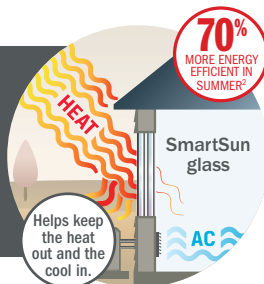
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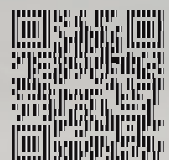
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the DUDE ABIDES!

Jeff Bridges says he resists just about every acting offer he gets. “I’m reticent to engage,” he says, “because I know once you engage, it costs something.” It costs him time away from his wife, Sue, and his Cavapoo dog, Monty, as well as his three daughters, Isabelle, 40, Jessica, 38, and Haley, 36, and his three grandkids—and time away from other things too. “I don’t even know what they are, but I can’t do ‘em!” he says with a laugh.

But then something will hook him, like his role in the new TV series *The Old Man* (June 16 on FX), a thriller drama in which Bridges stars as Dan Chase, a former CIA agent on the run from people who want him dead.

Bridges, 72, is Zooming with *Parade* from his home in Santa Barbara, Calif. “This is the wildest little place,” he says with glee. He’s in a cozy sweater and glasses, kicked back in a stuffed chair, facing a garden fountain in his yard. “I’m in my garage that I’ve turned into—what do they call it—a men’s cave?” In the background are the sounds of birds chirping and water trickling, while behind him, the walls are covered in photographs chronicling his wide-ranging life and his career, which he began as a child actor.

There are pictures of his mother, Dorothy, and actor father, Lloyd Bridges (*High Noon*, *Sea Hunt*); and with his older brother, actor Beau Bridges, 80, and younger sister, Cindy; and photo mementoes of his own achievements as a movie star (*The Last Picture Show*, *The Big Lebowski*, *Crazy Heart*, *True Grit*). The room is also filled with hallmarks of his other passions. He’s a



JEFF BRIDGES on his cancer scare, the secrets of a longtime marriage and why *The Big Lebowski* is his all-time favorite movie

— BY AMY SPENCER —

singer-songwriter with three albums who also fronts his own band, Jeff Bridges & the Abiders; a photographer with two published books; an artist who paints, sculpts, doodles and makes jewelry; the national spokesperson for the organization No Kid Hungry, dedicated to feeding children around the world; and a longtime activist for the environment.

This room is also, he says, “where my hospital bed was.”

“Wow, what a great time that was!”

—Bridges says of playing one of his most enduring roles: the Dude in the Coen brothers’ slacker comedy *The Big Lebowski* (1998).

Bridges announced in October 2020 that he was diagnosed with lymphoma—and while being treated with chemo, he got COVID on top of it. “I was just messed up!” he says. “It was quite an experience, I gotta say.” These days, though, he’s feeling great, and before he heads off to get a

CT scan for a health update, he shares what impacted him most as a child and talks about his new role in *The Old Man* and why the Dude from *The Big Lebowski* continues to abide.

What drew you to playing Dan Chase in *The Old Man*? I hadn’t done TV in a long time, and I was curious if it was different than making movies. And it’s no different! All these guys were just top-notch, you know? [Co-stars] John Lithgow and Amy Brenneman bring so much joy and fun; it’s such a ball!

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That's the other joy of acting—you don't know the people, but the object is to get close, so we can jam.

How did you prepare for the fight scenes in the show? We cast great stunt coordinators and my stunt double. But putting [my character's] age on the fights was an element; he had to fight like a guy my age. One of the things to prepare for my part was getting into stoicism as kind of a philosophy of guys like Dan. It's a wonderful philosophy. I like how it mixes with my Buddhist bent.

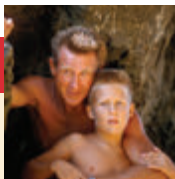
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You're in *The Old Man*, but do you feel like an old man? Yeah, especially at certain times. But I also feel like a kid, about 8 years old sometimes! And I don't think I've changed at all. I've just come kind of sharper into focus.

What were the most formative experiences of your youth? Probably being born. My parents had lost a kid to SIDS, sudden infant death syndrome, just prior to me. I can't imagine what that must have been like [for them]. My mom was kind of a magical woman; she did this thing with all her kids called *time*. She'd spend time, just an hour a day, doing whatever that kid wanted to do, jammin' with her kids. My mom gave me all that time and attention and my dad gave me my work path. Which, like most things, I resisted. You know, who wants to do what their parents want 'em to do? I'd say, "Oh, I don't know if I wanna do this, Dad; you know, I'm kinda into music and art and paintings." And he said, "You'll get to do *all* those things, Jeff! It's a wonderful life." And I said, "Oh, OK."

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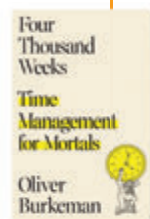
A young Bridges appeared as different child characters on **SEA HUNT** (1958–60), which starred his father, **Lloyd Bridges**. He earned his first Oscar nomination at age 22 playing a high school athlete uncertain about his future in a rural Texas town in **THE LAST PICTURE SHOW** (1971), which marked the film debut of **Cybill Shepherd**. He was nominated for another Oscar for his role in the science fiction film **STARMAN** (1984), in which Bridges, opposite **Karen Allen**, played a visitor from the cosmos who takes human form. He starred alongside his real-life brother, **Beau Bridges**, in **THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS** (1989), about a pair of musician brothers who add a female lounge singer (Michelle Pfeiffer) to their act. In **THE FISHER KING** (1991), he's a former radio shock jock whose struggling conscience inspires him to help a homeless man (**Robin Williams**) find the Holy Grail. For his Oscar-winning role in **CRAZY HEART** (2009), Bridges played Bad Blake, a country music singer struggling with alcoholism who builds a relationship with a music journalist (**Maggie Gyllenhaal**).



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BRIDGES' BEST

Books he's reading: "*The Obstacle Is the Way* by Ryan Holiday. And there's another one that's kind of cool, **FOUR THOUSAND WEEKS** [by Oliver Burkeman]. That's [around] how many weeks we have if we die at 80. That's not too many, is it?!"



Favorite time of the day: "The morning. I wake up, not even that early, like 7 or something like that, and do my exercises, do my coffee and I read. It, like, sets up the day."



Guilty pleasure: "Ice cream. That pint of **HÄAGEN-DAZS VANILLA** with some stuff on it, maybe caramel, or hot fudge. My mother used to make homemade vanilla ice cream, homemade fudge,

homemade blanched almonds, and the cherry . . . I think that might have been store-bought, but oh man, was that good. When you can taste the eggs in the ice cream, you know?"

Mantra of the moment: "Well, what comes to mind . . . two. One was a famous quote from [spiritual leader] Ram Dass: 'Be here now.' And a book about another dear friend, [Zen Buddhist] Bernie Glassman—who was Ram Dass' dear friend as well—titled *Don't Be Here Now*. Isn't that great?!"



Always in his work trailer: "**MY GUITAR.**"

Secret talent: "It's not a talent, but something that not too many people know about is that I live in this little house by the beach. And Sue and I and our dog, Monty, we often go walking on the beach, and there are these shells, beautiful shells, mostly shards. But I've been collecting these for the last, you know, four or five years, and I make necklaces out of them. I wear them and give them away."

Earliest movie crush: "Well, who didn't dig Natalie Wood or Julie Christie? You know, Brigitte Bardot, Sophia Loren—oh, you got me going now! Earliest one? I don't know. **TUESDAY WELD** comes to mind."



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What do you remember most about your father? He had this joy. He really enjoyed being alive. I remember having a conversation with him, maybe a year or two before he died [in 1998]. I said, "Dad, I want to let you know that I feel like we're in a relay race: You're handing me the baton, and I'm gonna go out and do your work, everything that you taught me." But I [also] remember, I would say, "Dad, you've gotta live each moment, each moment's gotta be fresh!" And he said, "You know, that's a wonderful thought, but it's bullshit. We're habitual creatures. It's all about developing good or bad habits." And this is a theme in my life, melding those two things: living in the moment, but at the same time, behavior has results.



The Big Lebowski made you a cult hero. How does it feel that of all the parts you've played, that has become one of your most defining ones? I'm proud of that one! Wow, what a great time that was. And, you know, it's the Coen brothers; man, they're just masters! I don't watch my movies much on TV or anything, but if *Lebowski* is on, I'll go, "Oh, I'm just gonna watch [a little]," and then I get hooked!



Was there anything you'd do before the cameras started rolling, as the Dude, to get in the *Lebowski* zone? Well, the Dude, like me, is basically a pothead. I used to love pot. I can't do it now, because of my health. But I decided to not get high while I made that movie because I wanted to really *be* there for that script and those lines and that character. Also, a mindset I have for most things I do—because, you know, you get anxious, and the groovier the thing is, the more anxious you get—I will do a form of prayer, I guess. I'll remind myself, "Be open and look for the direction." Everything is directing us all the time. It's what we pay attention to. It may be a grip over there, or a guy talking about his mother, or it could even be a fly. You go up to a fly, and you say, "You got any tips?" "Yeah." "Like what?" "Don't *do* anything." "Oh, God—beautiful direction, thank you!"

You've been nominated for seven Academy Awards and won an Oscar for *Crazy Heart*. What career choice are you most proud of? I think the purpose of my career is to make a difference. But there's another movie going on called real life, and I'm

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Are your daughters like you? Isabelle and I love talking philosophy and spiritual stuff. She has the grandkids, and she and I wrote a book called *Daddy Daughter Day*, all about my attempt at "time." That's kind of a regret that I have, as I look back on my life, not having spent as much time as I could with my girls. Jessie, my middle daughter, she was my assistant on three movies, so we hung out a lot together. She also plays guitar and writes beautiful music. Haley, my youngest, is a very successful designer. She lives in Santa Barbara right next to us. We see each other a lot. And one of the things that brought me through my illness—the goal I used—was walking her down the aisle. She just got married, and I was able to not only walk her down the aisle, but also do our dance.

You and your wife, Sue, met on the set of the 1975 movie *Rancho Deluxe*. What has made you such good partners for all these years? I'm so blessed. We're going on 45 years now, and it's getting better and better! We coulda gotten divorced many times, for many reasons. We just



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didn't. And we used that to hone our intimacy. Because our primal fight is, "You don't get it. You don't understand what it's like living with you. You do this and that . . . you just don't get it." And it's accurate! But we both feel that. And we can use every bump to widen our love basket. And it just keeps getting bigger and bigger and more precious.

You released your first album in 2000 and have been regularly performing with your band, the Abiders. What do you get out of music that you don't get from acting? I look at acting, and working with clay, and making necklaces, all of it, playing music, basically the same. They're just different ways of creating.

Your *Old Man* character was quietly living out his golden years with his two dogs until he had to go on the run. How do you hope to live out yours? As far as what I'll be doing, I don't know; like I say, I resist. *I resist!* I don't wanna *do* anything! There's a bird on my fountain there . . . You see? There's a bird taking a bath in there right now. So I can see just livin' it with my wife, and my dog, all my kids, the world and all my friends.

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To secure the hot, new **Restore** formula, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at **1-800-236-0910** TODAY. "It's not available in retail stores yet," says Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship directly to the customer." Dr. Sears feels so strongly about **Restore**, all orders are backed by a 100% money-back guarantee. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days from purchase date, and I'll send you all your money back."

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Books

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STILL ALRIGHT

Kenny Loggins enters the danger zone with his no-holds-barred memoir. **By Michael Giltz**



When he was just 17, Kenny Loggins drew upon his brother's impending fatherhood and his own fears of leaving childhood behind to write what became two of his most enduring hits: "Danny's Song" and "House at Pooh Corner." After almost 60 years (five years as part of Loggins & Messina), the Grammy-winning singer of the hits "Footloose," "I'm Alright" (from *Caddyshack*) and "Danger Zone" (from *Top Gun* and heard also in *Top Gun: Maverick*) continues to share his life's story. This time, the "King of Soundtracks" is telling all in the new memoir *Still Alright* (June 14, Hachette Books, \$30), written with Jason Turbow.

"Mary Karr [the author of *The Liars' Club*] wrote a great book on writing autobiographically, *The Art of Memoir*. She talks about being as honest as possible, and that's what we strove for," says Loggins, who interviewed people in his life and career to get their perspective on how things happened. And though he might feel once burned, twice shy since his open-hearted approach to songwriting and life has sometimes been belittled, he's moving forward anyway. "I said something about [worrying over] revealing myself," Loggins, 74, says. "Lisa, my girlfriend of four years now, said, 'Honey, you did that a long time ago.'"

What books did you read to prepare to write your own? I read my friend Richard Marx's book [*Stories to Tell*]. I listened to [the Who's] Roger Daltrey's book [*Thanks a Lot Mr. Kibblewhite*]. Peter Frampton's book [*Do You Feel Like I Do?*] has some cool pages about the early days, as does Graham Nash's [*Wild Tales*]. Oh, and I was listening to Elton John's book [*Me*] this morning. It's very funny.

Still Alright talks honestly about every stage of your life, from your addiction to pills to two divorces. Did you ever hesitate? That's a good question, because that was a constant over my head: How far do I go with this? My relationship with both of my ex-wives is positive, is good. And the kids [he has five in all] benefit from that. I didn't want to poison the well.

You've successfully tackled so many genres, from folk-rock and pop to R&B and even kids' songs. And every step of the way you were advised not to take those chances. For me, my career, my music has been, "Go where the fun is." That will be on my tombstone. It's worked.

What did his Loggins & Messina fans think about his move toward rock? Go to [Parade.com/kenny](https://www.parade.com/kenny) for the full interview.



What America Eats



SUMMER'S BEST

Fish Tacos

Wild Alaska salmon, in season now (we used sock-eye here), is ideal for these colorful, good-for-you tacos. The trio of salmon (rich in healthy fat), avocado (full of fiber) and strawberries (a prebiotic food that can aid digestion) make for a healthful summer meal. Not a fan of salmon? Try swordfish or mahi-mahi instead.

GRILLED SALMON TACOS WITH STRAWBERRY-AVOCADO SALSA

In a small bowl, combine ¼ cup **sour cream**, ¼ cup **mayonnaise**, 2 Tbsp chopped **cilantro**, juice of ½ **lime** and **salt** and freshly ground **black pepper** to taste. Refrigerate.

To make the salsa, in another small bowl, combine 1 cup diced **strawberries**; 1 **avocado**, diced; 1 **serrano chile**, finely chopped; 1 clove **garlic**, minced; ½ small **red onion**, finely chopped; ¼ cup chopped **cilantro**; juice of 1 **lime**; and salt and pepper to taste. Let stand at room temperature.

Cut 1½ lb **center-cut salmon filet**, skinned, into 1½-inch cubes. In a medium bowl, whisk 3 Tbsp **olive oil**, ½ tsp **chipotle or ancho chile powder**, ½ tsp **ground cumin** and salt and pepper to taste. Add salmon, tossing to coat. Thread salmon on 8 (10-inch) skewers (soaked, if wooden).

Preheat grill to medium-high. Oil grill grates. Grill salmon 6–8 minutes or until desired degree of doneness, turning once. During last couple of minutes, add 8 **tortillas (corn or taco-size flour)** to grill; cook 1 minute on each side or until warm.

Spread sour cream mixture on tortillas. Remove salmon from skewers. Divide 1 cup shredded **green cabbage** and salmon among tortillas. Top with salsa. Serve with lime wedges and extra salsa on the side. **Serves 4.**

Visit [Parade.com/salmon](https://www.parade.com/salmon) for another easy grilled salmon recipe.

Scientific Discovery Stuns Doctors

Biblical Bush Shuts Down Joint Discomfort in 5 Days

Amazing plant “prescription” gives new life to old joints without clobbering you. So safe you can take it every day without worry.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 54 million Americans are suffering from joint discomfort.

This epidemic rise in aching joints has led to a search for alternative treatments—as many sufferers want relief without the harmful side effects of conventional “solutions.”

Leading the way from nature’s pharmacy is the new “King of Oils” that pioneering Florida MD and anti-aging specialist Dr. Al Sears calls “the most significant breakthrough I’ve ever found for easing joint discomfort.”

Biblical scholars treasured this “holy oil.” Ancient healers valued it more than gold for its medicinal properties. Marco Polo prized it as he blazed the Silk Road. And Ayurvedic practitioners, to this day, rely on it for healing and detoxification.

Yet what really caught Dr. Sears’ attention is how modern medical findings now prove this “King of Oils” can powerfully...

Deactivate 400 Agony-Causing Genes

If you want genuine, long-lasting relief for joint discomfort, you must address inflammation. Too much inflammation will wreak havoc on joints, break down cartilage and cause unending discomfort. This is why so many natural joint relief solutions try to stop one of the main inflammatory genes called COX-2.

But the truth is, there are hundreds of agony-causing genes like COX-2, 5-LOX, iNOS, TNF, Interleukin 1,6,8 and many more—and stopping just one of them won’t give you all the relief you need.

Doctors and scientists now confirm the “King of Oils”—Indian Frankincense—deactivates not one but 400 agony-causing genes. It does so by shutting down the inflammation command center called Nuclear Factor Kappa Beta.

NK-Kappa B is like a switch that can turn 400 inflammatory genes “on” or “off.” A study in Journal of Food Lipids reports that Indian Frankincense powerfully deactivates NF-Kappa B. This journal adds that Indian Frankincense is “so powerful it shuts down the pathway triggering aching joints.”

Relief That’s 10 Times Faster... and in Just 5 Days

Many joint sufferers prefer natural solutions but say they work too slowly. Take the best-seller glucosamine. Good as it is, the National Institutes of Health



reports that glucosamine takes as long as eight weeks to work.

Yet in a study published in the International Journal of Medical Sciences, 60 patients with stiff knees took 100 mg of Indian Frankincense or a placebo daily for 30 days. Remarkably, Indian Frankincense “significantly improved joint function and relieved discomfort in as early as five days.” That’s relief that is 10 times faster than glucosamine.

78% Better Relief Than the Most Popular Joint Solution

In another study, people suffering from discomfort took a formula containing Indian Frankincense and another natural substance or a popular man-made joint solution every day for 12 weeks.

The results? Stunning! At the end of the study, 64% of those taking the Indian Frankincense formula saw their joint discomfort go from moderate or severe to mild or no discomfort. Only 28% of those taking the placebo got the relief they wanted. So Indian Frankincense delivered relief at a 78% better clip than the popular man-made formula.

In addition, in a randomized, double blind, placebo controlled study, patients suffering from knee discomfort took Indian Frankincense or a placebo daily for eight weeks. Then the groups switched and got the opposite intervention. Every one of the patients taking Indian Frankincense got relief. That’s a 100% success rate—numbers unseen by typical solutions.

In addition, BMJ (formerly the British Medical Journal) reports that Indian Frankincense is safe for joint relief — so safe and natural you can take

it every day.

Because of clinically proven results like this, Dr. Sears has made Indian Frankincense the centerpiece of a new natural joint relief formula called **Mobilify**.

Great Results for Knees, Hips, Shoulders and Joints

Joni D. says, “**Mobilify** really helps with soreness, stiffness and mild temporary pain. The day after taking it, I was completely back to normal—so fast.” Shirley M. adds, “Two week after taking **Mobilify**, I had no knee discomfort and could go up and down the staircase.” Larry M. says, “After a week and a half of taking **Mobilify**, the discomfort, stiffness and minor aches went away... it’s almost like being reborn.” And avid golfer Dennis H. says, “I can attest to **Mobilify** easing discomfort to enable me to pursue my golfing days. Definitely one pill that works for me out of the many I have tried.”

How to Get Mobilify

To secure the hot, new **Mobilify** formula, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at **1-800-299-0374** TODAY. “It’s not available in retail stores yet,” says Dr. Sears. “The Hotline allows us to ship directly to the customer.” Dr. Sears feels so strongly about **Mobilify**, all orders are backed by a 100% money-back guarantee. “Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days from purchase date, and I’ll send you all your money back.”

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